

RED ARMY TAKES 21 FORTS IN BLIZZARD

Marcantonio Offers Bill For Three Million Jobs

Measure Would Provide
Prevailing Wages,
\$70 Mo. Average

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York today introduced a bill which requires the government to give work relief to all unemployed workers and fixes an immediate minimum of 3,000,000 jobs.

Marcantonio's sweeping measure would correct the inadequacies of the present wage and hour scales of WPA and would eliminate the hardships caused by the Woodrum bill.

Proposals similar to those in the Marcantonio bill have been backed by the Workers' Alliance. The CIO has also gone on record in favor of many of the provisions in the measure.

Highlights of the Marcantonio bill, which is known as "The American Standards' Work and Assistance Act," are the following:

That three million jobs be provided immediately for the unemployed.

That the wages be the prevailing hourly wages, that the hours be not less than 120 nor more than 130 monthly with a national average monthly wage of \$70.

That the projects will be of such a nature as to provide useful work of a permanent nature offering the opportunity of education and preservation of the skill, training and morale of the workers.

That the program be open to all unemployed without relief test. That jobs be given as long as faithful service is performed and as long as the unemployed is unable to secure employment in private industry.

WOULD UNDO WRECKERS'
Rep. Marcantonio said that his bill "automatically abolishes the cruel and inhuman 18 months provision in the present relief act."

"My bill also provides that the unemployment program be supplemented by unemployment assistance grants to the States based on a decent, self-respecting standard of relief," he added.

Marcantonio said that his bill would "remedy several outstanding disgraceful things in the present WPA."

He declared that it would eliminate the 18-month clause rescind monthly wage cuts of \$5 to \$8 made to laborers in the North, restore the prevailing hourly wage and provide assistance at decent standards to unemployed families deprived of work projects jobs.

The New York Laborite said that this program "can be contrasted with what is now proposed to Congress" by the President.

Marcantonio stated that on the basis of the budget estimates "between now and June, 800,000 WPA workers will be dropped; PWA will be further curtailed, housing will



REP. VITO MARCANTONIO

TWU to Protect Union Rights On City Subway

Ask Conference with
Mayor to Discuss
Unification

In a letter to Mayor LaGuardia, the Transport Workers Union (CIO) has asked for assurances that 37,000 workers now employed on private lines will continue to receive the protection of current union contracts when a unified city subway system is consummated.

The men now have contracts with both the I. R. T. and the B. M. T. lines which do not expire until June 30, 1941. The letter also asks if the "bona fide" bargaining rights now enjoyed will be recognized by the city.

Signed by Michael Quill, national president of the union, the letter requests an early conference with the Mayor for discussion of these points.

Quill cited the union's record of responsibility and its ability to maintain peaceful labor relations.

"Unions transit workers in New York," he said, "have obtained wage increases of from 10 to 30 per cent, shorter hours, paid vacations, holidays off with pay, sick leave privileges, sound pension benefits and many other improved working conditions during the past few years. We have accomplished all this without the loss of a single day's work to any transit worker and without a moment's inconvenience to any man, woman or child passenger."

Second and Ninth Avenue 'Els' to Be Torn Down

City officials signed a death warrant for the Second and Ninth Avenue elevateds in a plan which calls for the raising of the antiquated structures.

Service will end on the lines on April 30 and demolition proceedings will begin immediately thereafter.

The Transit Commission ruled favorably on the city's request for permission to tear down the lines, holding that there are sufficient other facilities to handle the lines' passengers.

The Commission, however, ruled that the Second Avenue line from 60th Street to South Ferry and City Hall should remain.

The Ninth Avenue line will be thoroughly destroyed except for spur from the Polo Grounds to the IRT subway at 161st Street.

State Dep't Publication of Lansing Documents Shows Striking Similarity of Wilson, F.D.R. War Drives

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—State Department documents never before published highlight the striking parallel between President Wilson's path to war a generation ago and President Roosevelt's course in 1940.

In the first volume of the papers of war-time Secretary of State Robert Lansing which were released by the State Department today, there is unfolded the story of how the Wilson Administration dragged the nation step by step into the first imperialist war.

Supplementing the revelations of the State Munitions Committee and the facts contained in earlier State Department publications, the Lansing paper constitutes a dramatic warning at this time.

The first volume of letters, memoranda and cables by President Wilson, Secretary Lansing, Col. Edward M. House and various other officials and ambassadors covers the 1914-17 period when the groundwork for American participation in the war was being laid. The second volume will deal with the 1917-20 period.

HOW IT WAS DONE

Of particular pertinence now are the following developments recorded in the first volume of Lansing papers published by the State Department:

The importance of war loans and war or-

ders by the Allies in involving the United States in actual military participation in the war.

The ruthless manner in which the Administration forced the Latin American Republics to follow the United States and declare war on Germany.

The desire of the Administration and of business interests to have a voice in determining the peace terms and in world affairs as one of the factors resulting in military participation.

Wilson's maneuvering and jockeying during

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North India Terrorized By British Troops

Big Army Drive Looms to Force Tribes to Submit
to British Military Rule

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Press dispatches from India today reported that Britain's army in India was preparing to launch large-scale military operations in the mountainous northwest frontier against native tribes refusing to submit to British rule.

Units of the regular army and civil armed police will be sent to reinforce the detachments already stationed in the Northwest Frontier Province in an effort to drive these tribes from the districts along the 60-mile Bannu Kohat road.

Royal Air Force planes have perpetrated some of the worst outrages in the history of imperialist campaigns against colonial peoples in this area, rivaling even the Italian fascist imperialists in cruelty and barbarism. Whole villages have been bombed from the air and destroyed with every living inhabitant, including women and children, in them.

C.P. Speaker Leaves Cape Cod Folk Thinking Hard

Local Trade Board Invites 'Someone to Defend
Russian Point of View' With Interesting Results

By Phil Frankford
(Special to the Daily Worker)
BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 22.—Wellfleet, Mass., is a small community on Cape Cod. The Board of Trade arranged a public discussion on aid to Finland. One of its members suggested that it would be unfair and un-American not to hear both sides of the question. An advertisement was inserted and made public inviting "some one to defend the Russian point of view. The speaker was promised, his 'supper and polite protection."

A member of the Board of Trade meanwhile contacted Communist Party headquarters in Boston and invited a speaker to be present. Otis Archer Hood immediately accepted the invitation. Hood is state chairman of the Communist Party and was born in Abington, Massachusetts, located 90 miles from Wellfleet.

Tuesday night, over two hundred residents of Wellfleet gathered in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the IRT subway at 161st Street.

Chinese Shell Japanese Warships on Yangtze

HONGKONG, Feb. 22.—The Chinese reported today they had shelled and damaged four of six Japanese warships on the Yangtze River at Kiukiang.

Flu Deaths Up in Britain

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Influenza caused 514 deaths in England and Wales during the week ending Feb. 10, an increase of 161 over the previous week.

Guild Shop Defended at House Hearing

Attack by N. Y. Times
Man Answered by
Crawford

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (UP).—Kenneth Crawford, president of the American Newspaper Guild, told the House Labor Committee today that he considers the Guild shop necessary to the success of the Guild's program and that it is not a threat to freedom of the press.

Crawford appeared in opposition to a proposal offered Tuesday by Oliver Holden, executive director of the American Press Society, who suggested an amendment to the National Labor Relations Act banning closed shops among newspaper and magazine editorial employees.

"We of the Guild have given this question of the effects of closed editorial shops a great deal of thought," said Crawford. "We have been debating it ever since our union was organized by the late Heywood Brown."

"Our own membership has been divided on it at times, but experience has led most of us to the conclusion that the closed shop is necessary to our continued growth and to the ultimate success of our effort to stabilize the wages, hours and

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NLRB Hears Case Against Glass Company

Both CIO, AFL Members
Charge Discrimination
Against Militants

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 22 (UP).—Hazel-Atlas Glass Co. today faced National Labor Relations Board charges of entering into an illegal closed shop agreement with an AFL union in order to "frustrate" organization of 2,000 Clarksburg, W. Va., workers by the CIO and then discriminating against militant unionists, regardless of their affiliation.

The charges, contained in a complaint issued here yesterday by NLRB Regional Director Charles T. Douds, were based on complaints made by workers belonging to both of labor's factions.

Two AFL workers claimed they were laid off because they were too "militant" in activities of the recognized union, two other employees claimed they were discharged when they refused to comply with the closed shop provision of the "invalid" contract and nine workers alleged they were laid off because of membership in the CIO.

According to the complaint, in February, 1937, officials of the company requested the American Flint Glass Workers' Union and the Glass Bottle Workers' Association, both AFL affiliates, to organize the Clarksburg plant "in order to frustrate, nullify and forestall" organizing efforts of the Federation of Flat Glass Workers (CIO).

Hazel Atlas Co. maintains headquarters at Whiting, W. Va., and its plants include one at Lancaster, N. Y.

Mannerheim Calls Old Men to Army

HELSINKI, Feb. 22 (UP).—The [White-Guard] Finns today called to the colors men of 45 and 46 years of age—a call which brought into the army all men between the ages of 22 and 47. The newly mobilized, of the classes of 1894 and 1895, were ordered in street notices to report at once for training and duty.

They are part of the second-line reserve, which includes men up to 60. Thus far 25 army classes have been incorporated in the defense forces, including men who had been exempted for health reasons but ordered to report for new examinations.

Release Eight Americans Held by Franco

Seven Are Lincoln Vets;
Six Sail Today
for New York

The last eight American citizens held by Franco in prison camps have been released and will start for home soon, the U. S. Embassy in Madrid announced yesterday.

Seven of them are veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which fought for the Republican Government. They were listed by the Veterans of the Lincoln Brigade here as Lawrence Doran, Antony Kerlicher, Rudolph Opara, Clarence Blair, Cohn Haber, Alfred Anderson and Conrad Stowjes. The other citizen being released is Harold E. Dahl, a flier.

Blair and Haber, the latter from New York City, are at Seville, as is Dahl. They are to sail for New York today aboard the Exiria, together with Doran, Kerlicher and Opara, who were scheduled to arrive there yesterday.

Eleven other Americans, whom the State Department has refused to aid because they were foreign-born and not yet naturalized, apparently remain in concentration camps at Belchite and Saragossa.

They are Alper Asa, Kar Kornes, Fernando Pando, Giuseppe Cristino, Rafael Campillo, Marcos Sinigaglia, M. Zayong, Alex De Seume, Radevsky Nikolich, Kurt Schaeffer and Luis Armandi. All left from the United States to aid the Spanish Loyalists.

French War Gov't Lauds Welles' Mission

Vice-Premier Hints At
War Angle in Welles' Trip to Europe

PARIS, Feb. 22 (UP).—Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles is en route to Europe "charged with a political mission to which it would be indiscreet to allude," Vice Premier Camille Chautemps told a banquet at the American club here tonight.

[Welles' mission has been seen in various capitals as the formation of an anti-Soviet war front and to prepare the way for American entry into war.]

Chautemps, who spoke for Premier Edouard Daladier who was kept at his office because of a pressure of work, did not amplify his remark. Diplomats speculated that he might have special knowledge of the purpose of the Welles' mission, which arrives in Italy Sunday.

The Vice Premier, after a tribute to Welles' long experience in the American diplomatic service, described the Under-Secretary as "a great American whom I am proud to know and for whom I have the greatest esteem, now charged with a political mission to which it would be indiscreet to allude."

"However," he added, "I am happy to declare that he will be received by my countrymen with a unanimous feeling of sympathy and confidence."

He paid a warm tribute to [White Guard] Finland.

British Claim 2 German Bombers Shot Down

LONDON, Feb. 22 (UP).—Two Heinkel bombers were shot down by Royal Air Force fighters today when German raids on British coastal shipping and the coasts of England and Scotland were resumed, the Air Ministry announced.

No British planes were lost in the encounters, the Air Ministry said.

The first plane was shot down at sea off the northeast coast shortly after noon. The second, attacked by Spitfires, crashed on land near Stabs Head on the border near Berwick-on-Tweed.

Repulse Foe And Capture 15 Artillery Placements

Heavy Snowstorms
Ground Planes
at the Front

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Friday, Feb. 23.—The Red Army yesterday continued its advance on the Karelian Isthmus, taking 21 defensive fortifications in the Mannerheim Line, it reported early this morning. The communique said that 15 ferro-concrete artillery forts were among the positions taken. Finnish White-Guard attacks were repulsed.

A snowstorm held aerial activities to observation flights.

The communique, issued by the headquarters of the Leningrad military area, said:

"Feb. 22.—Nothing of importance at the front. On the Karelian Isthmus Soviet troops, repulsing the enemy, occupied 21 defensive fortifications, including 15 ferro-concrete artillery forts."

"In view of the snowstorm, aviation activities were restricted to observation flights."

TOTALS 672 FORTS
A total of the 672 defensive fortifications forming part of the Mannerheim Line have been taken by the Red Army since Feb. 11, when the offensive on the Karelian Isthmus began. A large percentage of these were powerful artillery casemates similar to those on the Maginot and Siegfried Lines.

The Red Army advance has been deepest in the Summa - Koivisto sector on the western edge of the Isthmus, along the Gulf of Finland south of the city of Viipuri (Viborg).

The Koivisto fortress, upon which the entire western portion of the Mannerheim Line is based, was taken by the Red Army on Tuesday.

Soviet Fliers Tell How Red Air Fleet Goes Into Action at the Front

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Feb. 22.—A vivid description of the Soviet air force in action over Finland, scattering and destroying enemy troop concentrations and bombing railway stations off the map, is given in Pravda by Air Force Lieutenant Repin, who engaged in these operations.

Repin's eyewitness account revealed the great striking power of the winged legions of the Soviet Union in actual performance in Finland.

Highlights of Repin's article follow:
"It was a frosty morning. The swift bombers could scarcely be made out on the edge of the snow-covered airfield. Preparations for the flight had been completed before dawn. Here and there rays of tiny flashlights indicated where men were placing bombs under the fuselages of planes.

"The fliers gathered around Senior Lieutenant Stebunov, commander of the squadron.

"The enemy is bringing up large reserves in sector S—," Stebunov said, 'our task is to destroy these re-

serves before they reach the front lines. We leave in 50 minutes."

"Our navigators had completed all necessary charts and calculations. The machine guns were stripped for action. Finally the silvery monoplanes taxied over the field in a mighty stream.

THE TAKE-OFF

"As was usual, Commander Stebunov was the first to take off, followed by Pilots Sharpoval and Titov. Our group formed in fighting formation and like a mighty hurricane swept over the airfield in perfect flying order.

"The navigator of the commander's plane, Captain Nigamatullin, fixed the range for the bomb-sights and carefully examined the ground over which we were flying. We passed over an elliptical-shaped lake and two smaller lakes to the right. The road running between them made an abrupt turn to the south. Several small houses below indicated that we had reached the line of the front.

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Britain Fears Publication of Paper On Truth of USSR's Peace Proposals

The London government and its Paris counterpart are still too much scared of the truth to contemplate publication of the documents connected with the sabotaged negotiations with the Soviet Union for a Peace Front.

This news was revealed during the question period in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

"The negotiations in Moscow were conducted jointly with the French Government, and I am not in a position to name a date for publication," Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Richard Austin Butler said in reply to a question.

Butler's guilty admission confirms what New York Times correspondent Raymond Daniell cabled to his paper on Feb. 7: "The explanation [for the repeated postponements of publication of a White

Paper on the negotiations] lies rather in the belated realization that the document, as originally prepared, failed to make out as good a case against the Soviet Government as the compilers planned and that it might be more embarrassing to Britain's allies than to anyone else, especially after Soviet casuists and apologists had finished talking about it."

Chamberlain is in a funk over publication of the White Paper for reasons good and sufficient—they would reveal that British imperialism plotted the Finnish war against the Soviet Union at the same time that she sought, in vain, to instigate a German-Soviet war—at the very hour when her "negotiators" were in Moscow stalling the negotiations ostensibly for a front to stop aggression.

The recent declaration of former War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha—who headed the British war machine during the entire period of the negotiations—in favor of utilizing Finland as a base for attack upon Leningrad, is witness to the guilt of the British anti-Soviet war instigators.

BRITISH DOMINIONS ARE NOT 'UNITED' FOR WAR--IZVESTIA

Growing Hostility Shown
By People Against
Dying for Empire

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Feb. 22.—Though the British dominions still form part of the British Empire, their peoples are forcefully expressing their opposition to dying for the Bank of England and its war in Europe. This was the central point of an important article today in Izvestia, the Soviet Government organ, on Britain, her dominions and the war. The highlights of the article:

"For the last five and a half months of the war, the British bourgeois press has in every way been advertising the unity of the British Empire, expressed, so to say, in the fact that the British dominions followed Britain into her war against Germany."

"However, in the harmonious chorus of the press organs close to the Chamberlain Government, a jarring note of displeasure and perplexity is to be heard now and again, addressed to one or another of the dominions."

"And, indeed, this unity of British policy, on the face of things, is fraught with unpleasant complications for Britain. In 1914, when Britain entered into the war against Germany, nobody in the world thought of asking whether the declaration of war automatically included the British colonies and dominions. This was taken for granted, a simple conclusion drawn from the fact of the allegiance of these territories to the British flag."

IRELAND'S NEUTRALITY A BLOW

"This was not the case in 1939, when the question of declaring war on Germany had to be taken up with the government of each dominion separately. Britain, impatient and apprehensive, awaited the answer to this question. In addition to the way in which Britain was able to involve the dominions in war in one way or another, she had to determine their actual participation in war on Britain's side."

"In this connection, the refusal of Eire to enter the war and its declaration of neutrality undoubtedly was a defeat for Britain. The most remarkable thing, perhaps, was that England itself decided not to protest against the neutrality of Eire but appointed a diplomatic representative instead."

"Such a silent recognition of the independence of Eire, at a time when, incidentally, the British press is stubbornly calling it a dominion, is very easily explained—the British Government does not want to damage the position of the De Valera Cabinet, which is a lesser evil for England as compared to a sharply anti-British Cabinet, which might be formed."

"The Irish Republic, united in the Irish Republican Army, consider that England's difficulties are Ireland's opportunities for liberation, and, in contrast to De Valera, demand a determined struggle against England for the immediate unification of Northern Ireland with Eire."

"England is replying with executions and the brutal persecution of the Irishmen suspected of terrorism against England."

"Canada, the oldest and most influential of the British groups,

Wall St. Alarmed At Small Allied War Purchases

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Feb. 22.—Pravda today calls attention to a major economic tug-of-war between the Allies and the United States, which is receiving little attention in the general press. The tussle concerns the amount of purchases by the Allies in the United States and the method of payment.

The main sections of the article follow:

"The American bourgeois press is alarmed—the war boom is subsiding without having been able to come to full flower. The war in Europe is not fulfilling the hopes of the American capitalists. Not enough war orders have been placed, not enough purchases made."

"The organ of the French industrialists, Bulletin Quotidien, in dispatches from New York describes the sentiments of Stock Exchange circles in the United States as follows: The general impression is that the Allies are purchasing much less than in the last war and much less than was expected. . . . As a result, the question is arising whether it would not be better to sell goods to the Allies on credit."

"The question of credits is not raised accidentally. The point is that both Britain and France have a considerable amount of gold in American banks. The Americans calculated that the war purchases would be paid for in cash, with this gold. Neither Britain nor France have the right to receive loans or credits in the United States, since loans are given only to countries that pay their war debts."

"The comparatively low figure of war orders and purchases made by Britain and France in the United States is not only to be explained by the absence of any actual military operations on the Western Front. Both Britain and France

are sharply hostile to the war. The French population of Quebec, even during the war of 1914-1918, opposed the introduction of conscription—which meant Britain's fighting with the hands of Canadians."

"Now again, the government of Quebec province has taken up a position hostile to Britain, as opposed to the policy of the Canadian federal government, under Mackenzie King, which represents the interests of the industrialists."

"In Australia war was declared by the Australian government in which an active role is played by Attorney General William Hughes, the Australian Premier during the war of 1914-1918, whom Wilson and Clemenceau jokingly ranked with the cannibals because of his sharp anti-German and anti-Japanese position at the Versailles peace conference."

AUSTRALIAN WORKERS FIRM

"When the war started, the Menzies Government tried to tie the tongues of all who differed with the policy of the government. It introduced legislation sponsored by the National Security League. In

the face of all the persecution, Australian workers' organizations

passed a large number of resolutions against Australia's participation in the war.

"As a result of this sharply expressed unwillingness of the working class of Australia to fight for the interests of the ruling class of the 'homeland,' the British and Australian governments were obliged to give up their plan to use Australian soldiers extensively on the Western Front in Europe."

"In the Union of South Africa, the question of participation in the war brought on a government crisis and the resignation of Premier J. B. M. Hertzog. Under the influence of broad sections of the population and above all of the undoubtedly majority of the Boers, the government was compelled to prohibit not only the sending of soldiers to Europe but even the recruiting of volunteers in South Africa for Britain."

"Thus Britain's attempt to use the manpower of the dominions is meeting so far with the opposition of the peoples of Eire, Canada, Australia and South Africa."

"The question of exchange and the large debts which result from purchases by belligerent government require some method of funding these debts in this country."

WILSON GIVES OKAY

Wilson told Lansing to give Forgan the green light and inform him that the government's attitude correspond with the second of his four formulations.

But Wilson was cagey and suggested "that this should be orally conveyed, so far as we are concerned, and not put in writing."

If the President was a little reluctant to express himself in writing, on the other matter of foreign loans, other government officials were not.

Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo, now a big shipping magnate on the West Coast and an active supporter of a third term for President Roosevelt, wrote on Aug. 23:

"I have always felt that it was a mistake for our government to discontinue in any way the establishment of credits in this coun-

try in favor of foreign governments, such credits to be employed in purchasing supplies in this country."

LANSING BACKS CREDIT BASIS

"It seems to me entirely inconsistent to say that the purchase of our farm products and manufactured articles and other supplies by foreign governments is lawful and to be encouraged, and then to say that we discourage and discountenance as being unneutral the credit operations which are an essential part of such transactions."

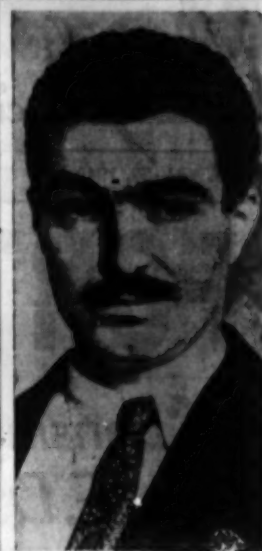
Lansing backed up McAdoo in a memorandum to the President dated Sept. 6, 1915. He went even further than the Secretary of the Treasury in pointing to the dependence of American business on Allied war orders as a major reason for permitting the floatation of large war loans in this country.

"If the European countries," Lansing said, expressing himself diplomatically and not using the word Allies, "cannot find means to pay for the excess of goods sold to them over those purchased from them, they will have to stop buying and our present export trade will shrink proportionately."

"The result would be restriction of output, industrial depression, idle capital and idle labor, numerous failures, financial demoralization, and general unrest and suffering among the laboring classes."

50 MILLION FOR THE CAZAR

Lansing added that the Administration was "face to face with what appears to be a critical economic situation, which can only be relieved apparently by the investment of American capital in foreign loans to be used by liquidating the enormous balance of trade in favor of the United States."



KENNETH CRAWFORD

Defends Guild Shop at House Hearing

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working conditions of newspaper workers.

"We do not see the closed shop as a threat to freedom of the press." Then he said the term "closed shop" was a misnomer, and that the Guild sought a "Guild shop," in which the publisher hired whoever he wanted to write news and editorials.

"But we ask," Crawford continued, "that after an employee has been with the paper for 30 to 90 days he must become a member of the Guild in order to hold his job. The reason for this is obvious. It is the same reason that accounts for the desire of most unions to get closed shops or union shops."

It assures dues collections and requires everyone enjoying the benefits of organization to contribute his share toward the maintenance of the organization."

"What would you do," asked Rep. Robert Ramspeck, D. Ga., "if officials of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (with which the Guild is affiliated) asked you to color the news against the American Federation of Labor?"

"We'd tell them to go to hell," Crawford replied. "But it just wouldn't happen. The officials of the CIO wouldn't give us any such order, but even if they did, we couldn't get it in our newspapers anyway."

Crawford said that "actually there is no such threat in the Guild shop."

"We have had enough experience to know that," he said. The editors and publishers of newspapers are in every case the judges of what shall be printed. We who write for the newspapers have nothing to say in the last analysis, about what goes into them."

Crawford said the Guild had about 90 "closed shop" contracts. "I defy anyone to find a bona fide instance of their use to color the news or to discriminate against any newspaper man because of his opinions," he said.

"Being an industrial union," Crawford said, "we invite all unorganized newspaper workers to join."

Rep. Ramspeck asked Crawford to give the committee information as to conditions among newspaper

Communists Open Drive to 'Withdraw Canada from War'

(Special to Inter-Continental News)

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 22.—Charging that the coming election is being conducted under the virtual military dictatorship established by the War Measures Act, a spokesman for the Dominion executive of the Communist Party of Canada declared this week that the party is launching a nation-wide campaign under the slogan, "Withdraw Canada from the war!"

Communist candidates will be nominated in a number of districts. In others, except where farmer or labor fighters for peace are nominated, the Communist Party will conduct propaganda for exposure of the war parties and rouse the public for a struggle for peace.

The election was called on advice from Neville Chamberlain, the spokesman for the Communist Party said, for the purpose of obtaining a "fake mandate" for the King government, which intends to apply conscription, to involve Canada into war against the Soviet Union and to pile new taxes on the people.

The quarrels in the capitalist war

camp are scrambles for the better "plunder positions," he declared, while "the leaders of the reform parliamentary parties have deserted over to the imperialist camp as they did in 1914."

To support any of the war groups is to "betray yourself and your country," he said. The following planks were stated as the Communist platform for the campaign:

1—No conscription; return of Canadian troops from overseas.

2—Repeal of the War Measures Act, and the ban on working-class press; release of Douglas

Stewart, manager of The Clarion.

3—Higher wages, union conditions, the eight-hour day. Jailing of profiteers.

4—Parity prices for the farmers.

5—Repeal of the sales tax. Tax the income and fortunes of the rich.

6—Non-contributory unemployment and health insurance increased relief pending such insurance.

7—A national works program of slum clearance and rehousing to provide jobs.

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labor fighters for peace are nominated, the Communist Party will conduct propaganda for exposure of the war parties and rouse the public for a struggle for peace.

The election was called on advice from Neville Chamberlain, the spokesman for the Communist Party said, for the purpose of obtaining a "fake mandate" for the King government, which intends to apply conscription, to involve Canada into war against the Soviet Union and to pile new taxes on the people.

The quarrels in the capitalist war

camp are scrambles for the better "plunder positions," he declared, while "the leaders of the reform parliamentary parties have deserted over to the imperialist camp as they did in 1914."

To support any of the war groups is to "betray yourself and your country," he said. The following planks were stated as the Communist platform for the campaign:

1—No conscription; return of Canadian troops from overseas.

2—Repeal of the War Measures Act, and the ban on working-class press; release of Douglas

Stewart, manager of The Clarion.

3—Higher wages, union conditions, the eight-hour day. Jailing of profiteers.

4—Parity prices for the farmers.

5—Repeal of the sales tax. Tax the income and fortunes of the rich.

6—Non-contributory unemployment and health insurance increased relief pending such insurance.

7—A national works program of slum clearance and rehousing to provide jobs.

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Payrolls, Jobs in Retail Stores Drop 20% in Month

(Special to the Daily Worker)
ALBANY, Feb. 22.—A drop of 20.4 per cent in the working forces, and of 15.9 per cent in payrolls in the State's retail stores was reported for the period from the middle of December to the middle of January by the New York State Department of Labor today.

The reductions were called normal and seasonal in a statement of Industrial Commissioner Frieda S. Miller, who pointed out that similar losses have been recorded in this period for the past three years.

California Relief At Crisis Stage

Workers Alliance and Labor's Non-Partisan League Lead Demonstration from Entire State Against 'Famine Bills'

(Special to the Daily Worker)
SACRAMENTO, Feb. 22.—Demonstrators from all parts of the state prepared today for their march to the State Capitol here tomorrow in protest against the drying up of all relief funds while the reactionary bloc of Republicans and Right Democrats in the State Senate fiddle away with "famine bills" that mean literal starvation for 375,000 needy persons.

The statewide march is being sponsored by the Workers Alliance, Labor's Non-Partisan League and the California Conference for Democratic Action.

State relief funds were exhausted two days ago, and all "intake offices" of the State Relief Administration were closed down. Even emergency relief orders were denied new applicants, which average between 7,000 and 8,000 per week.

It is estimated that a total of some 25,000 persons, including about 7,000 children, face immediate hunger and starvation as a result of the "economy bloc's" refusal to provide an adequate relief appropriation.

In addition, 55,000 relief cases in 19 counties will feel the pinch at once.

"Famine bills" originating in the Senate provide for a meager \$12,200,000 appropriation to carry the relief load until June 1, and have been regularly defeated in the Assembly. Adherents of Governor Olson have drafted a compromise measure providing for \$15,000,000, but even this would mean a blanket cut of 40 per cent in the semi-monthly relief checks now averaging \$20.

Anti-Profiteering Group In Ohio Asks Food Stamps

Columbus Conference Against High Living Costs Demands Lowering of High Gas Rates, Food Prices Before Officials of City

(Special to the Daily Worker)
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 22.—The Columbus Conference Against Rising Living Costs today demanded that the city administration put into effect the Stamp Plan of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

After the relief fight in this state, in which Governor Bricker's "starvation plan" has brought many unemployed to the door of actual starvation, and where Roosevelt's policy of cutting WPA has thrown many WPA workers on relief, the need for the stamp plan cannot be over-emphasized.

The Columbus Conference Against Rising Living Costs was represented at the mayor's office by Mrs. Ruth Perloff, Circle Pines Guild of the Columbus Consumers Cooperative; Mrs. Anna B. Hartman, Mrs. Frances Dunn and Miss Dunn, Columbus League of Women Shoppers; Joseph Socioff, Neighborhood Actions for Peace Committee; J. R. Nichols, Secretary of the Columbus Retail Grocers' Association; Emil Seherak, Ohio Farm Bureau; G. V. McCauland, Columbus Federation of Settlements; George DeNucci, Franklin County Council of the CIO, and Mrs. W. F. Boothby, Columbus Junior League.

The conference is taking up specific profiteering in Columbus, and has under discussion the lowering of the exorbitant gas rate in the city.

Catholic to Address Rally On 'Alien' Bills

Two-Day Conference on Foreign-Born Issues at Washington

Defeat of the batch of so-called anti-alien bills now before Congress will be one of the main aims of the 2-day fourth annual conference of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born which will be held at Hotel Annapolis at Eleventh and H Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., on March 2 and 3.

The conference will also give thorough consideration to methods for encouraging and facilitating the naturalization of non-citizens.

Pre-conference arrangements include a nation-wide radio broadcast over the Mutual System on Thursday, Feb. 29, from 9:15 to 9:30 P. M. Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach, a member of the Senate Committee on Immigration, will speak on the "anti-alien" bills in Congress.

Rev. John Montgomery Cooper of Catholic University, president of the American Anthropological Association, will address the conference on "A Scientific Understanding of the Problem of Race." Panel discussions will be held on Legislation, Deportation and Right of Asylum, and Organization.

Ernest Hemingway and Dr. William Allan Neilson are co-chairmen of the Committee of Sponsors for the Conference.

Injured in Blast



Mrs. Jean Benjamin, 18, employed in the government building at Elkton, Md., was one of fourteen persons injured when a series of explosions wrecked seven buildings at the Triumph Explosives Company. Two men were killed. The plant manufactures flares for army and navy.

The meeting will be held at Chiles Hall, 172 E. 118th St. and will begin promptly at 8 P. M.

Housing Review

"Preview of 1940 Housing Legislation" is the subject of the next forum to be held under the auspices of the Citizens' Housing Council Thursday at 3:30 P. M., at the Russell Sage Foundation, 130 E. 22nd St.

This Lifeboat Unsinkable?



This lifeboat invented by William L. Wheeler of Los Angeles, is said to be unsinkable. Designs have been made and construction is under way. The boat is all enclosed, making it non-sinkable and non-capturable. Buoyancy tanks underneath help keep it on an even keel.

'Phone Pickets' To Hold Affair To Pay Bills

When a strike is won by the new technique of "telephone picketing" there is a "phone bill" to pay, and the New York Joint Council of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, which won the Credit Clearing House strike by this tactic, now announces a "Pay the Telephone Bill" party.

The event will be held at Webster Hall on Friday, March 15 and there will be dancing with continuous entertainment and decorations by leading artists.

The telephone picketing in the Clearing House strike required 1,840 phone calls an hour because the firm operates 77 trunk lines. That took a lot of nickels, and the union's reserve strike fund was badly dented.

More Low-Rent Housing Urged At Conference

19 Community Groups Demand End to Rent Rises

Resolutions calling for low-rent housing projects on Manhattan's West Side and demanding an end to rent rises for low-income families were unanimously adopted at a conference of representatives of 19 community organizations representing a total membership of 30,304.

The conference was held at the Hartley House and was sponsored by the West Side Coordinating Committee of the City-Wide Tenants' Council.

L. O. Rothschild, chairman of the Laws and Administration Committee of the Citizens' Housing Council, stressed the "danger to the entire federal low-rent housing program if the Wagner Bill, providing an additional \$300,000,000 for low-rent housing, is not passed at this session of Congress."

Rothschild also demanded that the State Legislature make available immediately the full \$300,000,000 for housing projects so that a long-range program of building could be worked out at once.

Chinese Art Treasure Enters Logan Case

Tale of Fabulous Art Treasure Worth 30 Million Told

A story about a \$30,000,000 Chinese art treasure, linked with the name of Gerold Eckelmann, wartime commander of the German submarine Deutschland, added another bizarre touch yesterday to the so-called "art gallery mystery" in which John T. Geery committed suicide a few hours after a murder-attack had been made on his business associate Milton B. Logan.

Herbert Plaut, attorney for Geery, advanced the tale of the fabulous Chinese treasure in explanation of the \$150,000 insurance policy which Geery held on Logan's life, and which is now accepted as the motive in the attempted killing.

Logan, in Bellevue Hospital with a fractured skull which he claims was inflicted with a lead-weighted pipe, told police that Geery hired John Fogel, a newsdealer, to kill him so that Geery could collect the insurance and disentangle himself from involvement in a \$65,000 fraud case.

Plaut now claims that Eckelmann arrived in this country last spring from China in an effort to dispose of \$30,000,000 worth of rare Chinese art pieces which Chiang Kai-shek was willing to dispose of for funds to be used in the war of defense against Japan.

TREASURE NEVER ARRIVED
Geery, as secretary-treasurer of the country's best-known art gallery, the American Art Association-Anderson Galleries, Inc., entered into negotiations to handle the sale of the Chinese treasure.

Knowing nothing of art himself, and realizing that Logan would have to manage the deal, Geery took out the policy on his partner's life against the possibility that something might happen to him before the business transaction was consummated, according to the story told by Plaut.

The police theory is that Geery committed suicide after learning that his intended victim was still alive to tell the story of the attempt on his life.

Fogel is being held by police.

Des Moines AFL Paper Calls Hoover Warmonger In His 'Finn Aid Drive'

Editorial Compares Hoover's Present 'Finnish Relief' Drive to his 'Belgium' Activities Which 'Inflamed American Passions' and Led Nation into War

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 22 (ICN).—The Des Moines Federationist, organ of the Des Moines Trades and Labor Assembly and the Allied Printing Trades Council of this City publishes on the first page of its issue the appeal for Finnish Relief, signed by President John S. Nollen, president of Grinnell College, in which the Federationist is asked to accept the "Fund for Finnish Relief."

The Federationist states that it will accept donations to the fund and will forward them as requested, but at the same time states that it has considerable misgivings on the question, and adds, "It would seem to the Federationist that one of the chief duties of a labor paper at a time like the present would be to oppose every move that might even be construed as warmongering. We therefore feel that we cannot easily cooperate with President Nollen and his committee, but must protest."

To further drive the point home, the Federationist, many Americans showed sympathy for Spain and China, for Poland, Czechoslovakia, Albania and Ethiopia.

"In some cases some of us demonstrated our sympathy for those suffering peoples by reaching down in our pockets and contributing funds for their relief. We did this, in a few, isolated almost impotent instances for China and for Spain. Most of the assistance to the suffering in these two countries was given by members of left-wing minority groups, and it cannot be said that the Americans turned, as one, to assist their suffering brothers in these lands."

EXPLAINS HOOVER MOTIVES
"There is very good reason for this. Herbert Hoover was not interested in the suffering of the people of China, or Spain, or Poland, or Czechoslovakia. Neither were the other apostles of war, who unfortunately can control a large part of the American press. There is no possibility to escape the conviction that Herbert Hoover's interest in the Finnish people is not as great as the things his high-powered publicity men have written for him indicate. . . .

"We may find some clue as to the true motives behind his guise of charity from the last world war. Long before America had committed herself to her useless embroilment into what we now fully recognize to have been nothing but a suicidal conflict between European imperialisms Herbert Hoover was plotting. However, if my memory does not completely mislead us, organized the Belgian Relief Commission, and this commission spread a good share of the propaganda that eventually so inflamed the passions of Americans that it was possible to lead them to slaughter. "Labor has been quick to protest against Hoover's devious schemes. First to protest in this part of the country was the Tri-City Labor Review of Davenport, Rock Island and Moline, which wonders at the touching interest in the misfortunes of people abroad when so

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Shiny lovely tresses like Jane Bryan's are not the result of something you buy in a store. Patient, thorough brushing, for three minutes each day will do more to make your hair look alive than all the preparations sold on the market.

We must say that we were at one time flattered and chagrined. This man was in deep distress. Our heart went out to husbands who have been subjected to a complete reformation in food just because the wife has read something in this or that column in a newspaper. It's like having to eat pineapple and lamb chops every night because the cook in the house is on a diet, or having to drink buttermilk because someone says it's healthy.

PERSONAL ADJUSTMENTS

Food habits are important things. Many personal adjustments have to be made because of food habits developed early in life. Many personal choices far removed from the kitchen have to be made because of food tastes. Lucky are those people who can eat everything at any time without getting sick, emotionally upset or fat. We must say that eating is more than just a physiological habit or necessity.

Now that doesn't mean that food habits can't be altered or improved. But no more than you can stop a child from an obnoxious habit by just saying, "Stop" or "Don't" can you change a food habit by saying, "I read it wasn't good for you, and so I won't serve it." The changing of habits takes a long time and only with the most persevering efforts.

So we must ask mothers and wives to have a heart. Read these columns carefully and then consider just how all the advice fits into

your family set-up. Don't accept our say-so. Use your own good judgment. You will see that you can get much further with the members of your family if they feel that they are contributing to the change than if you just sit at the head of the table and say, "The good book says it must be so, and so it must."

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Toohey, Flynn Speak at Rally On Ireland

Britain Uses Terror to Stifle Opposition, Says Wm. Browder

A capacity crowd filled the James Connolly Hall, 255 W. 106th St., last night to protest British terror in Ireland and the hanging of two young Irish patriots two weeks ago.

The meeting of 150 persons, held under the auspices of the James Connolly branch of the Communist Party, was addressed by William Browder, Section Organizer of the CP in the 11th A. D.; Pat Toohey, Irish-American mine organizer and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

Browder, who was chairman of the meeting, declared that it was called "because it was felt that some effective protest should be made against the accentuation of British terror against the Irish people."

"The main reason for the increase of terror in Ireland now," Browder stated, "is because of the resistance of the Irish people to the imperialist war."

Pat Toohey whose father was an organizer of the Molly Maguires in the Pennsylvania coal fields, and who is himself a veteran organizer denounced the hypocrisy of the British ruling class.

"England appeals to the world," he declared, "to support its war of plunder with slogans about democracy, defending the rights of small nations and anti-fascism. These last executions are proof that the English ruling class is waging an imperialist war and is conniving at the destruction of the independence and self-determination of small nations."

Firemen Handicapped; Old Church Burns Down

GRANVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 22.—The eighty-five-year-old All Saints Polish and Slavic Roman Catholic Church lay in ruins today, destroyed by flames.

Fire of undetermined origin started an hour after last evening's service and quickly swept through the wooden structure. The bursting of a frozen hydrant hampered firemen, who saved three nearby buildings in a two-hour fight.

2 Die in Crash

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 22.—An automobile smashed into a truck today on the Lancaster-Lititz Pike, a mile north of here, killing two youths.



SEEKING A HANDFUL OF RICE.—Faces that bear the mark of gnawing hunger are seen in this picture of a group of poor Chinese in Japanese-held Shanghai seeking to enter a store to buy a mite of rice. Rice—the staff of life in China—has become more scarce and more costly since the Japanese have begun to export it to Japan, where a food shortage is growing as a result of the war.

Protests Mount Here Against French Closing of Spain Relief Service

Prominent citizens and organizations throughout the country are joining in the protest movement against the closing down of the Paris office of the S.E.R.E., Spanish Refugee Emigration Service, on orders of M. Georges Bonnet, French Minister of Justice, it was announced yesterday by the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign here.

The Campaign office also announced that a mass protest meeting will be held Friday, March 1, at Webster Hall to take further action on the issue.

Telegrams are pouring in upon French Ambassador Rene de Saint-Quentin at Washington, and delegations have called on local French consulates in New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington and San Francisco.

Many more delegations are scheduled to protest to the French Consulate here, and organizations are asked to send protests to the French Ambassador, to Premier Edouard Daladier of France, and to the American Ambassador to France, William Bullitt.

The Campaign office also announced that it is launching a drive to win American support to four proposals made on behalf of S. E. R. E. by Alvarez del Vayo, former Minister of Foreign Affairs in the

Spanish Republic, at the recent Continental Conference on Aid to Spanish Refugees, held in Mexico City.

Del Vayo called for the immediate collection of funds to facilitate the transportation of 3,000 refugees to Chile; the creation of a permanent foundation for the men mutilated in the Spanish war; the creation of a similar fund for the evacuated children; and aid to the

refugees now in Santo Domingo by sending them agricultural machinery.

The Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign here is now conducting a "rescue ship" campaign to aid in transporting as many as possible of the 200,000 Spanish refugees now in France to hospitable Latin American countries. The closing of the S.E.R.E. office in Paris is seriously hampering this project.

The first of the pre-release engagements was held in Miami at the Surf and Lincoln theatres followed by a Washington's Birthday premiere at the Capitol theatre in Cincinnati and the west coast pre-

miere in Los Angeles at the Four Star Theatre on Feb. 27. On the following day the picture will begin simultaneous engagements in three theatres in Los Angeles, the Four Star, Grauman's Chinese and Loew's State. This also is the first time any picture ever played three theatres in one city at the same time.

On the Pacific coast. In four other cities, Miami, Des Moines, Richmond, Va., and Kansas City the picture will play in two theatres at the same time. Other engagements for the picture in California, where skeptics said the picture never would be shown, are scheduled for February 29 and March 1.

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Ohio State U. Rally Hears CP Stand on War

Communist Leader Tells of Soviet Role in Finland

(Special to the Daily Worker)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 22.—The Social Problems Club of Ohio State University, the organization recently turned down by University authorities in their request to be allowed to bring Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party to Columbus, last night held one of the largest meetings of the year in the Social Administration Building on the campus.

The meeting was to discuss the "War in Finland," and its effects on America. Steve Gratian, secretary of the Franklin County Communist Party, was the first speaker, and dealt with the background of the present imperialist war in Europe, the drive of the administration and President Roosevelt toward involvement of America in that war.

Speaking at length on the role of Britain and America in the anti-Soviet provocations of recent months, Gratian cited Britain's treatment of the people of India and Ireland. Calling on the audience to support democracy and civil rights in the United States, and citing the attack on civil rights recently in Detroit, the speaker called for an end to the war in the interests of the peoples of the world.

The second speaker, Professor H. Gordon Hayes, Economics, said that he thought America should stay out of the war, and that it was his opinion that loans to Finland were moving the United States in the direction of involvement in the war.

Under the question period, the representative of the Communist Party answered questions until the deadline for use of the hall was reached. Much interest was shown in the peace policy of the Soviet Union, and in the internal well-being of the people of the Soviet

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Nice Work, Trudy!



Jal-Alal on the beach is a new sport for famed Channel swimmer Gertrude Ederle, who stretches for a high one at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Trudy is in San Juan to encourage the fast-growing sport of swimming at the Latin-American possession, under the American flag for the past 41 years.

'Anti-Alien Bills' Topic At East Side Forum

A forum on the problems of the foreign born, with special stress on the anti-alien bills, will be held at the Playhouse of the Henry Street Settlement, 488 Grand St., Monday, at 8:30 P. M. The speaker will be Green, of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

Heavy Snowstorms Sweep Over Greece

ATHENS, Feb. 22.—Heavy snowstorms swept Greece today, paralyzing coastal shipping.

Two feet of snow fell in Thessalonica, where it was 17 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. Wolves raided flocks of sheep.

Three inches of snow fell in Athens. Shipping was tied up at Piraeus, the port of Athens, for more than 24 hours.

DETROIT DIES STAR FUGITIVE AS BIG GAMBLING CHIEF

Ex-Police Superintendent and Prosecutor Flee as Arrest Warrants Are Issued; Operated Million Dollar Baseball Pool

By William Allan (Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Feb. 22.—Former Police Superintendent Fred Frahm, the man who testified before the Dies Committee in 1938 that former Governor Frank Murphy is a "Communist" today ducked out the back door of a bar-room to escape a warrant charging him, along with Wayne

County Prosecutor Duncan McCrea, with assisting in the operation of a million dollar baseball pool employing 2,300 persons.

Eight other warrants were issued by a special one-man jury now sifting evidence of graft and racketeering in the city. It is expected that Governor Dickinson will officially remove McCrea as prosecutor some time tomorrow.

Altogether the sensational charges, effecting McCrea and the former high ranking police official Frahm, involved a total of eighteen people, including four other police officers. The one-man grand jury of Judge Homer Ferguson charged in his 18-page warrant that McCrea, Frahm and McCrea's chief investigator, Harry Colburn and four detectives received a weekly rake off from the baseball and football pool known as the "National Sport Junior" pool. He said that the lottery operators, employing 2,300 agents, sold well over a million tickets yearly for 50 cents a ticket and that the above-named officials were "cut into" the profits for protection.

McCrea HUNTED If convicted, the public officials can be sentenced to five years and a fine of \$5,000. Meanwhile McCrea could not be found in the city and the police teletype was calling for his immediate arrest. Detroit's new Police Commissioner Frank Egan, upon learning that four of his detectives were involved, stated that they were suspended and that a new shake up is pending in some of the departments.

Some of the zeal now evident in the "drive" against racketeering and graft by the one-man jury and its special prosecutor Chester P. O'Hara doubtless comes from the fact that most of the county officials now indicted are Democrats and the special prosecutor and Judge Ferguson are both Republicans. On Wednesday a request was made

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Marcantonio Offers Bill For Three Million Jobs

Measure Would Provide Prevailing Wages, \$70 Mo. Average

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have exhausted the possibility of further employment."

If the President's appropriation requested in the budget is passed another 350,000 will be dropped between July and September, CIO and NYA will be sharply cut.

WARNS OF COLLAPSE

"For this blunder we will have to pay dearly in the suffering of millions of unfortunates and in the possibility that this recession may develop into another 1937 and worse unless checked.

"As a matter of fact the only thing stopping a collapse today is purchases of war supplies from Europe. This means that we are being placed more and more at the mercy of these war purchases, and giving foreign nations actually a control over our own peace and our domestic policies."

Marcantonio blasted the argument that increases in expenditures for relief beyond the amount asked by the President would raise the debt limit.

"This argument is a fake and a smoke screen raised by the economy bloc, designed only to scare the people and prevent decent treatment of our underprivileged and needy groups," he declared.

Citing a letter from Merriner S. Eccles, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, to David Lasser, president of the Workers' Alliance, Marcantonio said that the federal government has "a huge reservoir" of nearly five billion dollars in reserve funds, such as the Gold Stabilization Fund, profits in silver and excess working balance in the treasury which can be used to avoid distress.

Toronto Mayor Protects Scab Coal Drivers

Walkout Enters Fourth Day as Dealers Remain Stubborn on Pact

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 22.—Mayor Ralph Duff gave assurances of police protection for scabs today for companies making coal deliveries as a strike of coal handlers and truckers entered its fourth day.

Proposals considered yesterday at a joint meeting of strikers and dealers representatives were rejected by the retail dealers who are fighting union demands for a closed shop. The meeting was attended by Department of Labor officials.

Two trucks delivering coal last night were escorted by police officers. The strikers are permitting coal deliveries to hospitals and similar institutions.

Commits Suicide At Hospital Here

Frank J. Florence, 64, State Superintendent of grain elevators and terminals here, leaped or fell to his death yesterday from a ninth-floor window at French Hospital a few hours before he was to have been discharged as a patient, police said.

Red Army Men Are Masters of All The World's Best and Finest Culture



Moscow's Red Army House a Center of Music, Art and Literature; Gives the Lie to Press Slanders of 'Ignorance'

By Janet Weaver
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—I have seen groups of singing Red Army men marching in big holiday parades in Moscow. I have seen many Red Army men at theatres and movies and have spoken to dozens of them. I have attended performances of the Red Army Song and Dance Ensemble.

But recently I had a glimpse into the actual everyday cultural life of the Red Army men, when I visited the Central House of the Red Army in Moscow.

What I saw there gives the lie to all slanders of the American typewriter generals of the Associated Press and the United Press about the "ignorant" and "uncultured" Red Army. The House of the Red Army, a beautiful big building on Commune Square, is the center of social life for the Red Army men and their commanders in Moscow. Ironically enough, it was also the seat of "culture" during tsarist times—it was the select finishing school for the daughters of the Russian aristocracy.

During the October Revolution it was used as a headquarters for the Red Guards and during the Civil War it was turned into a hospital. After the Revolution it was completely remodeled, repaired and then turned over to the Red Army.

HAS MUSEUM

The house faces a big park which has a skating rink in the winter and a lake for boating in the summer. Across the street on the other side of the house stands a fine new Red Army theater built in the shape of a five-pointed star—undoubtedly one of the most beautiful theaters in the world. Connected with the Red Army House is the famous Red Army Museum, which is open to the public without charge and visited daily by approximately two thousand people.

Inside, the house has undergone drastic remodeling. The halls are wide, the many rooms are spacious and comfortably furnished with soft couches and chairs. Flowers are everywhere. Today, instead of the blushing, giggling, pampered rich girls, sincere, wide-awake Red Army men are going up the wide stairs, some with balalaikas and other musical instruments on their way to orchestra practice. Men are sitting in lounges, talking, reading or playing chess. No line is drawn between commanders and men in the ranks.

On the second floor are various club-rooms, billiard rooms, shooting galleries, and a concert hall which seats about 800 people, in addition to halls for movies, lectures and other affairs. Numerous rooms are set aside for study circles.

ENSEMBLE REHEARSES

In one of the big halls the Red Army Ensemble was rehearsing and their full rich voices filled the building as they sang a well-known Ukrainian Cossack song. The Ensemble is made up of about 250 members, singers, dancers and musicians—some very young, some middle-aged. A young Red Army man sat at the piano.

Director A. A. Alexandrov had

his assistants for this rehearsal, a turned his baton over to one of youngsters named Promis, about 25 years old. Later I discovered that he had been awarded the Order of Merit for his work in the Ensemble and is the secretary of the Communist Party unit in the Ensemble.

WHAT THEY READ

I was very much interested in seeing the library and finding out what the Red Army men read. The head of the library told me this: The library has about 200,000 volumes, including many in various foreign languages. There are the complete works of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. There are books on social and economic questions, military subjects, art, literature, music and science. The American and English authors include Jack London, Byron, Shakespeare, Theodore Dreiser, Mark Twain, Upton Sinclair, Robert Louis Stevenson, George Bernard Shaw, Charles Dickens, E. G. Wells, O. Henry, Pearl Buck, Mike Gold, Langston Hughes, and Anna Louise Strong, to mention but a few who are typical.

The most popular American writers in the Red Army library is Theodore Dreiser.

"We always have a long waiting list for his books, especially his 'American Tragedy,'" the librarian said. "There is also a waiting list for O. Henry. Mike Gold's 'Jews Without Money,' Langston Hughes works and the stories of the Jewish writer Scholem Aleichem, are very popular. 'Hamlet' is the most widely read of Shakespeare's plays, with 'Midsummer Night's Dream' running a close second."

All books may be kept out for 15 days, except highly popular books like Dreiser's.

"We only give his books out for five days because of the big waiting list," said the librarian.

DICK WRIGHT READ

When I asked if they had Richard Wright, he said: "We have 'Uncle Tom's Children.' It is a very fine book."

The reading room is inviting—there are long rows of tables, modern reading lamps and comfortable chairs. It is open from 12 to 11 P.M. on weekdays. There are magazine racks containing magazines in many languages, including a number of American military journals.

Connected with the main library is a children's library for the children of the Red Army men, which has about 12,000 volumes, including Robinson Crusoe, Gulliver's Travels, Mark Twain and others. They have ten copies of Treasure Island, which is always in demand not only by children but by adults as well. Next to the children's library is



An exhibition of paintings by Red Army men, their wives and children is shown above at the Red Army House in Kiev. Photo at left shows a Red Army Division's jazz orchestra which uses the balalaika and other native Russian instruments.

Oath of Red Army Men

The Red Army oath printed here was administered for the first time on Feb. 23, 1939, on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Red Army. At that time the oath was taken by Joseph Stalin, Kliment Voroshilov, other leaders of the Soviet people and the entire Red Army.

TEXT OF RED ARMY OATH

I, a citizen of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, on joining the ranks of the Workers' and Peasants' Red Army, take the oath and solemnly vow to be an honest, courageous, disciplined and vigilant fighter, to guard strictly military and state secrets, to obey without objection all military regulations and orders of commanders, political commissars and superior officers.

I vow to undertake conscientious study of the military art, to do everything to guard the property of the army and the people and to be devoted to the last breath to my people, to my Soviet Fatherland and to the Workers' and Peasants' government.

I am always ready on orders of the Workers' and Peasants' government to defend my fatherland—the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics—and as a fighter of the Workers' and Peasants' Red Army. I vow to defend it courageously and skillfully, with dignity and honor, sparing neither my blood nor life itself for the achievement of complete victory over enemies.

If by intent I should violate this, my solemn oath, let the stern penalty of the Soviet law, the general hatred and scorn of all working people be my lot.

A bright sunny nursery where parents may leave their children when they come to the house for recreation. There are toys and books for children and capable nurses in charge of the nursery.

LIKE AN ART GALLERY

The entire second floor resembles an art gallery. The walls are lined with paintings of Soviet life done by Red Army men and their commanders in their spare time. Although they have all been done by "amateurs," most of them without formal training, many compare favorably with the works of professional painters.

In one special art room, men and women were working on replicas of a group of the best professional paintings chosen by the commission for display in connection with the 22nd anniversary of the Red Army on Feb. 23.

The work was being done under the supervision of the original artists and will be sent to various Red Army houses throughout the country. In many cases it was almost impossible to distinguish the original from the replica.

EXPERT SKIERS

The Red Army men go in for sports of all kinds and their big gymnasium is in constant use. A glass case in one of the halls holds a display of loving cups and other trophies won by the sports organization of the House. In the recent 100-kilometer (62.1 mile) cross country ski run, four out of the

five who came in first were from the Central House sports' group. Some of Moscow's best swimmers and tennis players are the Red Army men. The House has its own ski club house, skating rink, boat-club and two clubs for mountain climbing.

This is only a brief sketch of the life in the Red Army House in Moscow. There are similar Red Army houses in every military area, and in all cities and towns where there are Red Army detachments. Such centers and clubs are rapidly increasing. The People's Commissar of Defense, Kliment Voroshilov, reported to the 18th Communist Party Congress that expenditures on cultural and educational work in 1939 amounted to 230,000,000 rubles, and the personnel of the Red Army subscribed to 1,725,000 copies of daily papers, regularly took in 471,300 copies of magazines and Red Army libraries throughout the Soviet Union have a grand total of 25,000,000 volumes. In addition to the work of the Red Army itself, much useful work is done by the Union of Work Workers.

JOIN REGULAR GROUPS

Concert and dramatic troupes, the finest musicians, actors, and singers, eagerly go out regularly to any part of the country to perform for the Red Army. At the same time every regiment and every company has its own amateur chorus, dramatic groups, orchestra dancers and singers. They are guided by professional artists and many of them after finishing their services in the Army enter music conservatories or work in theatres or orchestras.

It is clear that every Red Army man and commander is given every opportunity to manifest his individuality and talents and initiative.

The war-mongering American press mortally hates and fears the Red Army. This explains why they brazenly insult the intelligence of their readers with the most repulsive lies and fabrications. But every honest American prefers the truth.

And the truth about the Red Army of the free workers and peasants, the truth about the invincible Red Army of Lenin and Stalin, cannot for long be hidden from the American people.

WPA to Repair Kings County Nurses Building

A \$161,833 WPA alteration to the old nurses' home of Kings County Hospital, which has cm. of the largest groups of student nurses in the country, will provide the institution for the first time in its long history with its own self-contained and centrally located, training school. It was made known today, by Lieut. Col. Brehon Somervell, WPA Administrator for New York City,

Marcel Cachin Expelled From French Senate

PARIS, Feb. 22.—Marcel Cachin, Communist Senator and Chairman of the Communist Party of France, was expelled from the upper chamber of the French Parliament yesterday. He refused to renounce his support of the Communist International and the Soviet Union.

A Senatorial committee listened to a defense of his position by Cachin for more than an hour and then unanimously voted to take his seat from him.

C.P. Speaker Heard by Cape Cod Rally

Otis Hood Presents C.P. Stand on Finnish Situation

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town. Storekeepers, fishermen, building tradesmen gathered to attend the meeting. They represented a real cross-section of the community. Yankees, Portuguese, some Irishmen and a large number of local Finns were present.

It was an old style New England town meeting gathered to hear all viewpoints.

A local Finnish resident named Mr. Peterson spoke for the Mannerheim regime. He made a sentimental humanitarian appeal to his audience. Mr. Hood followed. He established a common contact with his audience by pointing out the need to keep America out of war regardless of differences on Finland. He called attention to the terrific barrage of propaganda responsible for getting us into the last war and warned his listeners against falling prey to the new style British propaganda regarding "poor little Finland."

Hood declared that he did not come to "defend the Soviet Union. It needed no defense. Its record spoke for itself." He proceeded to give the record of the U. S. S. R. in world affairs. He vigorously attacked the slanders in the capitalist press about the bombardment of civilians by Russian planes since this was the main appeal of the local Finns.

The audience was antagonistic to Hood from the word go. The many questions asked of Hood reflected an honest ignorance and a great desire to learn the truth about the Soviet Union. When one member of the audience asked Hood why he "didn't go back where he came from" Mr. Hood reminded his audience that his ancestors landed on Plymouth Rock, that this was his country, that the Russian people had made their country into a better and happier one, and that his job was to help make America a land of prosperity and happiness for all. The reply was well received by the overwhelming majority of the audience.

Hood succeeded in neutralizing a large section of the audience and left the thought with them that the capitalist press had presented one point of view and that was vicious slander against the U. S. S. R. Hood brought with him a considerable amount of literature. The reaction of the audience can be judged by the following facts:

1—Two copies of the history of the CPSU were sold.

2—Two copies of Pat Sloan's book, "Russia Without Illusions"

3—Ten copies of the Party constitution sold.

4—One hundred copies of a local pamphlet "Letters to Liberals"

5—Twenty copies of a speech by Franklin to the Civil Liberties Committee of Massachusetts.

6—And a collection of two dollars and fifty cents in nickels and dimes to help defray Hood's expense.

The chairman wound up the meeting by quoting Voltaire as he glanced at Otis Archer Hood "though I disagree with what you say, I will fight to the death for your right to say it."

This is the attitude typical of hundreds of thousands of Yankee New Englanders.

Rumania Speeds Mobilization; Set At 2,000,000 Men

BUCHAREST, Feb. 22 (UP).—Rumania ordered remaining reservists to the colors today. Artillery, ammunition, gasoline and other war supplies were being sent to the frontiers, particularly the Hungarian border, and work on frontier fortifications was speeded up.

Hungary has a long-standing quarrel with Rumania over the Transylvania area given to Rumania after the World War.

The last batches of reservists, now joining the colors, previously had been ordered to report by March 1. A high Rumanian official reiterated that Rumania will have 2,000,000 men in the field by March, which means almost complete mobilization.

CIO STEEL UNION WINS POLL BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee won an NLRB election at the McWane Cast Iron Pipe Co. plant by 381 to 12.

Soviet Flier Tells How The Red Air Fleet Goes Into Action at Front

Describes Efficiency, Terrific Hitting Power of Soviet's Fighting Air Force in Account of Raids on Military Objectives

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"Our group moved into bombing formation and we prepared to drop our bombs. Below was a mass of forestland with a small hut here and there. Beyond this was a small open space with black conical structures skirting it in a semicircle. These were enemy artillery positions. Evidently the artillery was silent, for we could see many deep pits showing the results of previous bombings by the Soviet air forces.

"Flying on, we came into full view of a main road crowded with troops. This was our objective. The enemy troops on the march, halted and scattered in small groups on the roadside or made for the nearby woods.

"It was of no avail, for where could the Finnish White-Guards flee if our bomb-sights gave us an excellent view of the country several kilometers to the right and left?

MARKSMANSHIP

"Only artillery, trucks and transport trains remained on the road. Our planes dropped the first load of bombs. I kept my hand on the release lever, waiting for a better target some distance ahead, where enemy troops were retreating in panic. Looking down, I could plainly see bombs from the commander's plane bursting on the road and to either side. Excellent marksmanship.

"I pulled the lever of the bomb release and, looking down again, saw hundreds of bombs bursting on the road and nearby.

"Our group made a slight turn and formed behind the commander's plane. Afanasiev's planes were the last to release a flood of hot metal on the remnants of the enemy troops.

"On our return journey we met group after group of bombers carrying hundreds of tons of bombs. On nearing the airfield we met a large group of our heavy bombers, escorted by a large force of pursuit planes.

"We made a perfect landing on the sparkling snow of the air-drome. The ground crews met us enthusiastically shook our hands and immediately began to prepare the machines for another flight. Sandwiches and hot coffee were welcomed by all.

"Then we returned to our machines and in a few minutes were in the air again, heading for a new objective. The target, a rail-

way station, betrayed no signs of life as we flew over it. Dozens of trains stand motionless, they are to resume their journey to the front as soon as we disappear. Tons of bombs, dropped by our planes, turn the station into a heap of twisted metal, looking from above very much like a broken tin container.

"Only one enemy anti-aircraft gun, posted on the edge of the station yard, survived the terrific attack and sends volley after volley at our planes, causing no harm whatsoever.

"We retaliate with a few accurately dropped bombs and the gun is silenced forever."

Police Find Slain Woman In Excavation

The partly clothed body of a woman whose head had been crushed was found yesterday in an excavation at 340 E. 101st St. Police said they believed the woman had been slain elsewhere.

Detectives said they recognized the woman—an attractive brunette about 22 years of age—as a bookkeeper who worked in the neighborhood but they were unable to make a more specific identification.

Preliminary investigation did not indicate whether she had been slain during a robbery. A small diamond ring was on her right hand but her pocketbook, was 50 feet away, was empty.

Residents of the neighborhood told police they thought they heard screams during the night.

Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas A. Gonzales ordered the body to the morgue after a preliminary investigation.

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It Takes 5 Years' Rent for Firetrap to Pay One Day's Upkeep for a Rich Wastrel's Yacht

By Louise Mitchell

Things are looking up. On the other side of the tracks, things are getting better. Not only are the Sixty Families punching ground-trip tickets for themselves on their private pullmans but they are putting their yachts into circulation again.

It costs a thousand dollars a day, the equivalent to five years' rent in a fire-trap, to keep a yacht in grand style. For a time, Park Avenue habitues had to put their floating mansions away in their gold vaults but now that Tweedle-ED is going fishing again with his old friends a raft of yachts have come out to meet him.

According to a society scribe in the Journal-American, we read that "five of the largest and costliest private yachts in the U.S.A. are in commission—'Alva,' owned by William K. Vanderbilt 2nd; 'Nourmahal,' owned by Vincent Astor; 'Alder,' owned by Mrs. William Boyce Thompson; 'Corsair,' owned by J. Pierpont Morgan; and 'Avalon,' the former Oden Livingston Mills yacht,

which is under charter to Frazier Jelke.

"Last autumn both Willie Vanderbilt and Vincent Astor told me that their boats would remain in drydock throughout the season. At the same time it was said Mrs. Thompson (mother of Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr.), would lay up the 'Alder'."

\$1,000 A DAY

"The daily upkeep of boats like those owned by Vanderbilt, Astor, Morgan and Mrs. Thompson runs into something like \$800 to \$1,000. And it goes without saying that Mr. Jelke, who has the 'Avalon' at Nassau, didn't get it in exchange for—shall we say, 'buntions'."

"The Vanderbils are on a cruise in South American waters, Vincent Astor and his guests are in the Caribbean, the Corsair is at Jekyll and Mrs. Thompson is making Miami her cruising headquarters."

"Yes, verily, times must be better—and things must be 'looking up'."

So there you have it, right out of their own mouths.

Things are getting so good that the Southern waters are just swarming and squirming with yachts and bankers. In this great land of unlimited inopportunities for all, the duPont magnates own 30 yachts, the Forbes of Boston, 13 floaters, the Drexels of Philadelphia banks own 5, the Vanderbilt railroads own 16, the Standard Oil Whiteleys lubricate 3 yachts and every family that has a coat of arms and a load of ammunition owns a few.

It can take as much as two and a half million dollars to build a floating sea paradise. Morgan spent two million on his 'Corsair,' named after his pirate ancestors. Mrs. Dodge Dillon of the motor smackers spent as much on her 'Delphine.' It takes about a quarter or a half million dollars to run the 'Corsair' each year and the Astor's 'Alder' has a \$25,000 organ to play sweet music under the Hawaiian moon. The 'Alder' is also home to the Astors because it has enough gold plated bathroom fixtures and antique rugs and tapestries to scare a shark but not Mrs. Vincent Astor.

The Vanderbilt's 'Alva' has an airplane cradle on the afterdeck and a \$75,000 plane, half the size of the China Clipper just in case everybody gets bored and want to get a bit higher.

But don't think that the owners of yachts aren't worried that you and I have to take a street car or walk to get around. No sir! Mr. E. P. Hutton, banker, broker and bond snatcher, pointed out during the heart of the depression that it costs about \$100,000 to keep the average 300 footer afloat for 5 months.

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The Dempsey Bill—a Grave Peril to Civil Rights

• Taking place before the Senate Immigration Committee in Washington, is one of the most crucial battles for civil liberties in the country. This is the fight to defeat the Dempsey bill, one of numerous "anti-alien" measures hanging fire in Congress. The press has consistently played down the news, hoping to catch the people unawares.

The Dempsey bill provides for the deportation of any non-citizen who believes in "the making of any changes in the American form of government."

The CIO, through its counsel, Lee Pressman, said truly that the bill "is inconsistent with our fundamental requirements of fair play and justice." It would apply, the CIO pointed out to the committee hearings, to "any alien who belonged to any organization which believed, for example, that the President of the United States should be elected by a direct popular vote rather than by the electoral college." Any measure, therefore, tending to enhance the social and democratic interests of the people would be penalized by this un-American bill.

The anti-alien bills attack, in the first place, the rights of labor and the civil liberties of American citizens. The sort of initiative and leadership demonstrated by the CIO should be emulated by all labor if the bills are to be defeated. In addition to the Dempsey bill, the Smith, McCormack and Hobbs bills have been passed by the House into the Senate.

Passage of this measure will open up the flood-gates to the Roosevelt Administration's repressive war program against labor and civil rights. Write or wire your Senator today to vote against it.

The People Have Learned A Lot Since 1914

• The desire of the American people to stay out of war grows stronger every day. Such is the meaning of the latest Gallup poll, even though this agency is far from being an infallible barometer of American opinion. The poll asked: "If it appears that Germany is defeating England and France, should the United States declare war on Germany and send our army and navy to Europe to fight?"

Last September, 44 per cent said yes, and 56 per cent, no. In October, 29 per cent, yes, and 71 per cent, no. But today 23 per cent said yes and 77 per cent, no. In other words, those who said yes, have decreased by almost 50 per cent and those who said no, have increased by almost 25 per cent—in the short space of six months.

The very fact that the question was formulated in the most favorable manner for the war-mongers of Wall Street and the Roosevelt Administration, shows how strong is the anti-war sentiment in the country.

The people have learned a lot since the last world blood-bath, which was also a fake "war for democracy." They are realizing more and more, as the Gallup figures reflect, that this too is an imperialist war over markets, imperialist domination, and colonial loot. There will be only graves for American youth, and the youths of the other imperialist countries—but there will be profits and glory for Wall Street and the Bank of England.

Undoubtedly, this poll reflects only a small part of the fears and indignation of the plain people of the country against the war program of Wall Street and its Roosevelt Administration.

Not So Strange After All

• "Roosevelt and Garner in 1940." Strange as it may seem, this combination, successful in 1932 and 1936, is being discussed—not by the New Dealers, but by conservative Democrats.—From an article in the World-Telegram.

Strange as it may seem—but is it so strange after all? With the abandonment of the New Deal by the President, the political gap which used to exist between Roosevelt and Garner has practically disappeared.

Regardless of the actual possibilities of a Roosevelt-Garner ticket, the very fact that it is being seriously discussed, is a sign of the times. Can anyone imagine talk of a Roosevelt-Garner ticket, say six months ago, before the outbreak of the present imperialist war?

But the disappearance of political differences extends far beyond the ranks of the Democratic Party itself. Thurman Arnold, the union-busting "trust-buster," declared the other night that he and Glenn Frank of the Republican Party and the rest of the Democrats and Republicans "are now all

New Dealers together." What Arnold meant and should have said was "we are now all anti-New Dealers together."

All of which only goes to confirm what many labor and progressive leaders have been thinking during the past few months: that the people need their own peace party by November.

Helping China—A Test Of Political Aims

• While Herbert Hoover shakes a tin can for the Bank of Finland, it will serve the cause of America's peace if we take a good look at a nation which is REALLY fighting for its independence—China.

The Chinese armies, fighting against Japanese armies equipped with American arms, are waging successful resistance to the invaders of their country.

The latest news is that the boastful claims of the Japanese in the Southern regions southwest of Canton have fallen to pieces. Their offensive there has failed. The Japanese lost 20,000 soldiers without gaining their objectives.

These struggles of the Chinese people for the independence of their country vitally affect us in the United States. The success of the Chinese resistance increases the hope for peace in the Pacific.

Aid to China is a test of sincerity in defending the independence of nations against aggression. On this test, the whole pro-Mannerheim gang in this country shows its true colors. Will Hoover and Roosevelt sponsor a movement to help China free itself from foreign domination? The question is itself an indictment. For not only does American imperialism itself hold vast investments in China; Roosevelt's policy is to ignore the needs of the Chinese people by permitting American supplies to furnish the Japanese armies. It is hypocrisy to talk of peace and refuse aid to China.

U. S. imperialism merely toys with the idea of an embargo against Japan so it can wrest a profitable agreement from Japan for war against China and the USSR. A real movement for an embargo against Japan would frighten the imperialists at Washington and Wall Street.

Help to the Chinese people is a paramount need of the peace movement in the United States.

The Cat Swallows the Canary

• No one can say that William Dudley Pelley, high potentate of the anti-Semitic Silver Shirts, does not keep his word. When he went to Washington the other day to "save" the Dies Committee, he stated that he could very well fold up his organization since Dies was doing such a good job.

Now he has openly disbanded his Silver Shirts in favor of the Dies Committee. He wants to give Dies, to use his own words, "a free and uncontested field."

Dies, at first, was a little embarrassed when friend Pelley gave him such intimate blessings in public. (He undoubtedly wanted their political cooing and kissing to remain in private.) But how can Dies be angry now that Pelley has put at his disposal a virtual monopoly of spreading racial hatred and undermining the Bill of Rights? The cat never gets sore at swallowing the canary.

Meanwhile, the job of the FBI is much easier. When the people say "investigate the Silver Shirts!" J. Edgar Hoover can reply, "there ain't no such animal." As for investigating the Dies monopoly, Hoover can refer to the Administration's policy on the trusts. That is, persecute the people who are fighting the Dies monopoly, just as the Department of Justice persecutes the unions which are fighting the trusts.

That's Appreciation!

• Frank Merriwell, that self-sacrificing, hard-working, rugged individualist who vied with Horatio Alger in dignifying the piratical system of capitalism in the minds of millions of American youth—has let down his creator and author something awful.

You remember Frank Merriwell—almost every kid in the nation at one time or other followed with bated breath Frank's heroic upward battle against seemingly insurmountable odds.

Frank Merriwell has been read, according to statisticians who go in for that kind of research, by 123,000,000 children in this country, and his saga of bourgeois "let the devil take the hindmost" ethics was just the sort of thing that evokes the gushing blessing of such people as Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, his ex-Excellency Herbert Hoover, and others of that stripe who ardently support any method, foul or fouler, to twist the mind of the nation's youth into a complete acceptance of the capitalist system.

However, that very same capitalism that the creator of Frank Merriwell, aged George W. Patton, attempted to glorify, now finds himself threatened with the scrap heap, after years of exceedingly hard work as a prolific writer.

Mr. Patton, now 74, according to the smug public print, the New York Sun, faces eviction from his apartment at Hudson View Gardens, at 183rd St. and Pinehurst Ave. It seems that after a lifetime, marked by a grind of turning out a 20,000 word Merriwell novel once a week, Mr. Patton's finances are in a pitiful state, and unless he forks out (if he can raise it) \$430 in back rent, he will lose his home.

Perhaps there's a moral in this story. There is.



WHO ARE THE REAL 'FOREIGN AGENTS' WITHIN THE ALP?

• The new Paul Blanshard Committee to "fight Communists," which the Rose-Dubinsky-Waldman clique has just set up, is for the purpose of driving out of the American Labor Party every single trade union and all progressives.

It is the same old war-mongering, red-baiting line of this bunch of disrupters. Their slanderous statement says they intend to read out of the party all "machine politicians obeying a Moscow boss." This is the "foreign agent" slander in new language.

Just who do they mean are "foreign agents?" Do they mean the Transport Workers Union, with its thousands of Irish and other workers, whose desire for security and peace is symbolized in Michael Quill?

Do they mean the National Maritime Union, which has gone on record against war loans to Mannerheim and which has spoken out against the war-hunger budget of the Roosevelt Administration? Do they mean the American Newspaper Guild, and thousands of other trade unionists who were the backbone of the ALP when it once stood for social progress and independent political action?

Who are these self-anointed leaders anyway? Whom and what do they represent? Whom, for example, does Paul Blanshard speak for—what group of organized labor, what progressives, what section of the common people? Whom does Dorothy Kenyon represent? By what authority does she, or the fake liberal Morris Ernst, speak in the name of the ALP rank and file, or the organized workers? Aren't they, with their witch-hunting drive, the real "foreign agents" within the ALP?

Louis Hollander, co-chairman of the New York Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, certainly doesn't speak for the CIO. John L. Lewis and the CIO have made clear their opposition to war loans for Mannerheim or any other imperialist war-maker. Lewis has criticized Roosevelt's war-hunger program, but the ALP leaders are trying to chain the workers to it. When the Rose, Dubinsky clique was carrying on its red-baiting attacks against Michael Quill last November, the New York delegation at the CIO convention went on record for his re-election to the City Council. The CIO has condemned war-mongering and red-baiting as a menace to the whole labor movement, but red-baiting and war-mongering are the stock in trade of Hollander and others of Rose's clique.

It is plain that the Blanshard witch-hunters are not basing themselves either on the CIO program, the wishes of the progressive A. F. of L. members or of the people. They are out to persecute the very unions and forces which brought the ALP into being—they are aiding the Department of

Justice and Wall Street in their unprincipled attacks against the CIO and the entire labor movement. They are the "machine politicians," obeying the most sinister war-mongering circles in the land.

The people can see more clearly than ever why the ALP has been brought to a state where its influence has sharply declined. They can see why the ALP representation in the City Council was cut from 6 to 2, with the Rose-Dubinsky clique presenting the Council to Tammany on a silver platter. They can see why the ALP's influence and effectiveness fell off in the recent elections.

During the recent elections in the 14th Congressional District the ALP had become so weak and splintered it wasn't even able to put up its own candidate. The splendid campaign of Earl Browder showed that the ALP could have won if it had been united around the issues of peace, jobs and civil liberties, the key demands of the people.

The whole future which lay before the ALP, as a progressive instrument for independent political action, is now being shamefully betrayed and sacrificed by the Rose gang. It is supposed to be a labor party but what voice does labor have in it! It came into being against the red-baiting reactionaries, but now Rose's clique has become one of the chief agents of American imperialism, carrying out its war policies and its attacks against the Bill of Rights.

In preparation for the April 2nd primaries the progressive rank and file of the ALP, led by Morris Watson, is seeking to reclaim the party for its original purpose of labor's independent political action. But the Blanshard Committee is trying, with might and main, to stifle and intimidate the membership in order to keep the Rose war-mongers in control.

A continuation of the line of the Rose leadership means the eventual wrecking of the ALP. It will degenerate completely into a war-mongering instrument of Wall Street and the Roosevelt Administration. The party can never be built for independent political action, for peace and civil rights with this clique in power. If it is to be a progressive force, this clique must go. If the Rose dictatorship remains, and succeeds in smashing the ALP against the wishes of the membership who are trying to rebuild it, then the rank and file will seek to form a new independent political instrument along with all other labor and progressives.

The Rose clique depends upon its bureaucratic apparatus to keep the membership of the ALP from registering its will in the April 2nd primaries. Therefore, the entire labor and progressive movement looks with sympathy and support upon the ALP rank and file in their fight.

Letters From Our Readers

Brooklyn Theatres Soliciting Funds for Mannerheim

Brooklyn, New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Century Circuit Theatres in Brooklyn are trying to solicit funds for what they hypocritically call "Aid to the Finnish People," by thrusting a can under your nose as you enter the theatre. These pennies surely will never reach the real Finnish people, but will serve to enrich the Butcher Mannerheim and help his forces to continue their ruthless murder of the Finnish working class.

I complained to the manager and wrote a letter of protest to the Century Circuit Theatres. Every progressive person should vigorously campaign to bring the truth to the people of America about the Finnish people, and show up all these attempts of capitalism to continue its war against the workers of the world.

Thanks to the Daily Worker, wherein the truth can be found!

O. W. S. BRANCH 6, B'klyn.

Morgan & Co. Try to Conjure Up a 'Holy War' Against Soviet Union

Washington, D. C.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was an unhappy listener to the President's speech to the Youth Congress a short while ago. My heart went out to these young men and women of our rising generation who were told they were better advised to allow their elders the burden of political issues. I have a good hunch that these young people have a far greater fundamental grasp of the real issues, than the peanut politicians and glorified war-healers who will soon poison the air on the occasion of the election.

So on the record goes the official dictum that for youths is reserved only the self-warrior status that distinguished the feudal age.

A new Holy Grail spirit is spouted in some 25,000 papers of all the land to bring the masses together in the will to fight. Little Finland is made another Belgium, the slander of the Soviet Union rises to crescendo pitch.

The picture of a future "Holy" war against the Soviet Union that the Messrs. Morgan and Company have conjured up shows on what a dangerous course the ruling class is trying to lead the people.

S. R. B.

Jewish Congress Leaders Support Fascists, But Attack Only Country Where Anti-Semitism Is a Crime

Bronx, New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

My attention was called to an item that appeared in the latest issue of the "Congress Bulletin," official organ of the American Jewish Congress. It seems that Count Jerzy Potocki, Ambassador of non-existent Poland, was invited to address the Congress at one of its sessions. Among the many things that he said was his asking the support of the Jewish people for the reconstruction of a "free democratic" Poland. He said that the fate of the European Jews is closely bound up with the fate of Poland and blamed the Polish middle class for the anti-Jewish outrages that took place ever so often in Poland.

I am not at all surprised at what the honorable Count Potocki had to say. I suppose General Haller, who led the Polish bands that brought death and destruction to many thousands of Jews in the early honeymoon days of the Polish republic is also a part of that movement to which Count Potocki wants the American Jews to subscribe. Is General Haller also a part of the Polish middle class who is blamed for the atrocities against the Jews?

The Jewish Congress is attempting to erase from the minds of the Jewish people the fact that anti-Semitism was led and inspired by the very same elements who now come and shamelessly speak in terms of a free democratic Poland. No I am not surprised at the Polish count. I am surprised at those Jewish leaders who haven't learned anything in the past years filled with the tragedies of the Jewish people. The Jewish Congress is going out of its way to attack and abuse the Soviet Union. Several of its chapters have passed resolutions denouncing the Soviet Union. Some of its outstanding leaders, such as Rabbi Wise were the first in line to contribute funds for little, brave and democratic Mannerheim. (Rabbi Wise contributed \$500.)

But if the gents of the Jewish Congress would tell the truth, they would have to say that there is only one country in the world where there is no Jewish problem. They would have to tell the Jewish people as to the real situation that exists at the present time in those areas that were liberated by the Soviet Union. It is in these areas where the Jewish people hand-in-hand with the other national groups are beginning to feel for the first time the meaning of peace and safety under the Soviet Union. But this the leaders of the Congress dare not tell, because that would be a break in their support to the Chamberlains, Daladiers, and last but not least that dear old "liberator," General Mannerheim.

The truth of the matter is that the leaders of the Jewish Congress do not give ten hoots as to what happens to the Jewish people. Class interests, rather than national interests is the motive behind the present program of the Congress. To the devil with the nation, hurrah for the class. That is the theme song. If the leaders of the Jewish Congress were as "brave" in attacking native Fascism as they do the Soviet Union, they might be doing some good, but as they are only serving world imperialism and hence are directly helping the spread of anti-Semitism which is the twin brother of Fascism. I should like to remind the gents of the Congress that anti-Semitism is a state crime in the Soviet Union and let them not forget. The Jewish workers and Jewish people generally will demand an accounting one of these days from these leaders.

—L. J. K.

Praises Excellent Qualities Of Workers School Teacher—

Editor, Daily Worker:

My class in "The Second Imperialist War and the Present Day Tasks" has just ended. We had enjoyed the class so much that it felt like the ending of an intimate friendship. Our teacher, May Himoff, has all the excellent qualities of a Party leader. Firstly, her theory was so much alive and explained so simply, that we digested it with the satisfaction that a sick man obtains from a cure. Her practical experiences have been so varied that the wisdom obtained from these experiences reflects in her teaching.

Combination of theory and practice is her great attribute. Her warm personality puts everyone at ease. I hope the Workers School makes further use of her extensive talents.

—L. M.

'I Shall Endeavor to Be Worthy Member of Communist Party'

Editor, Daily Worker:

Springfield, Mass.

To do without the Daily and Sunday Worker can't be thought of, let alone done.

I was rescued from abject ignorance by the Communist

Party. And now I shall endeavor to the utmost of my ability to be a worthy member of our Party, and with the help of the Party of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, I should never fail.

—P. P.

Not a Side Show But the Big Top

By Harrison George
SAN FRANCISCO.

STEP right this way, gentlemen, and see the greatest living collection of liars this side of the Mannerheim Line!

The U. S. Senate is in action. It passes a bill "in which Finland is not mentioned," which nevertheless loans Finland \$50,000,000. But the bill involves \$100,000,000, not \$50,000,000. It is for "non-military" supplies that Finland insists it doesn't want, but the Finnish Minister at Washington is "overjoyed" in getting what he doesn't want!

Diogenes, with a flock of million candle-power lanterns, could not find an honest man in the whole lot. Even those who spoke against it, knowing it would carry without their votes, mostly did so "a pose hypocritically as the 'peace party' in the coming election. Where does the other \$50,000,000 go? China is mentioned for a limit of \$20,000,000, but what does that amount to when we send Japan twenty times that every year in war supplies? China is put in to make the whole scheme taste better. China has a rice surplus this year—and China is getting ample arms from the Soviet Union.

Apparently Sweden gets what the youth didn't—a "handout." Any government in Europe that suppresses the Communist Party and prepares to make war on the Soviet Union, qualifies for an American "loan." Moral: When the Communists here acts against the Communist Party, it means America is being pushed over the brink. Fact is that the persecution of Communists is already begun. Then, there's something called "Poland." Just who elected Poland is a mystery. The Poles as a people exist, but in reality there is no more Poland than there is a Negro republic in Alabama. But all of a sudden every war-monger begins to weep in his hat over "poor little Poland." Hoover suddenly adds to his mooching for Finland the two words—"and Poland."

Poland needs "civilian relief," he says. No doubt the Polish poor in Hitler-held Poland do need relief, but Hoover knows well enough that Germany would deny it and refuse any mooching around. The story doesn't click.

Hoover is getting money for the phony Polish "government" set up in Paris, elected by nobody, but rounding up Poles from all Europe for war—Hoover's war on the Soviet Union.

The incredible and often admitted deceptions and lies used by all these war-mongers, measures the war-like intent of their aims, and their fear that the American people may refuse to be dragged in.

On every possible occasion the administration loudly slanders the Soviet. Last week, Secretary Hull "rapped Russia," as the headlines said—"citing the holding of the Congress of the Communist International in Moscow in 1935."

Haven't the American Communists, under the Constitutional "right of assembly and free speech," got a right to hold a congress in the United States? Of course. Then why shouldn't the Communists of many countries have a right to hold a congress in Moscow, or Washington, or wherever they please? In fact, the Communist International has long ago said it would be delighted to meet in Chicago, if America's government would please be so democratic as to abide by its own Constitution.

Hull skated around on the same thin ice his 1920 predecessor fell through, when Bainbridge Colby was mouthing slanders to justify America loaning \$50,000,000 to "poor little Poland" to invade Russia and grab Byelo-Russia for the Polish landlords. The Red Army got it back only last September.

Professor Schuman's book, "American Policy Toward Russia," says on page 176: "General Tasker H. Bliss and Secretary of War Baker insisted that such an aid was essential to check the spread of Bolshevism and save civilization."

Secretary of State Colby had to cover this crime with excuses, and on Aug. 10, 1920, wrote a public letter to Italy attacking the Soviet. Among the quaint jackasseries of that letter, Colby put this:

"The Bolshevik government is itself subject to the control of a political party with extensive international ramifications through the Third International, and this body, which is heavily subsidized by the Bolshevik Government from the public revenues of Russia, has for its openly avowed aim the propagation of Bolshevik revolutions throughout the world."

This is a frequent lie today in connection with the "foreign agent" fairy tale. Though Louis Fischer, who is no friend but an enemy of Communism, in his historical work on Soviets in World Affairs plasters the lie as follows:

"Even the Russian Communist Party gets no money from the Soviet Government, and gives no money to the Soviet Government. The two are organizationally completely separate and apart. In much the same way the Republican (or Democratic) Party in the United States is distinct from the American Government."

Foreign Commissar Chicherin shot back at Colby: "Not a single fact can be quoted in support of this calumny. If the Russian Government binds itself to abstain from spreading Communist literature, all its representatives abroad are scrupulously enjoined to observe this pledge. . . . It holds to the principle that Communism cannot be imposed by force, but the fight for Communism in every country must be carried on by its working masses themselves."

"Seeing that in America and in many other countries the workers have not conquered the powers of government, and are not even convinced of the necessity of their conquest, the Soviet Government deems it necessary to establish and faithfully to maintain friendly and peaceful relations with the existing governments in those countries."

Though Hull is hot for "reciprocal trade relations" he flouts, as did Colby before him, reciprocal peaceful relations with the land of socialism. In 1920, and now in 1940, American loans and war incidents, as the Soviet then said: Perpetuates a state of poverty and war in which there can be no hope of peace in Europe.

Dramatic Sketch on Kate Smith Hour Over WABC

Scenes from "Two on an Island," starring John Craven and Betty Field, feature of Kate Smith Hour over WABC at 8 tonight.

At David-Lou Ambers fight from Madison Square Garden on WJZ at 10 o'clock.

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Radio Center, Moscow, 7:00 P.M., 8:30, 9:00, 12:00, 15:00 M.D.
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7:30-WNYC-Broadcasting
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9:00-WNYC-Masterwork Hour
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9:10-WNYC-Woman of Tomorrow
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On the The Score Board

Just
Trying to Start
an Argument

By Lester Rodney

America's National Pastime is basketball, not baseball. That of course, you'll recognize as what the boys call a provocative lead, which is supposed to create an instant disagreement by the majority of readers—and incidentally press them to read on to see where the guy gets that way.

Now you might characterize THAT paragraph as another piece of writing business like "disarming honesty" or something but that would only open the way to characterizing this one too so suppose we get on with our sports thesis while we can.

The immediate impulse for the National Pastime crack was as you might have guessed the magnificent, heart thumping double header at the Garden Wednesday night. There were a pair of games between four of the most skillful college teams in the land, with youngsters fighting and thinking out there on even terms for 80 minutes while a record crowd of almost 19,000 roared a continuous tribute to the calibre of play. They were an amazing pair of games, with LIU surging from nine points behind at the three-minute mark to take a lead against the midwest's best, DePaul, dropping one point behind in the last seconds and coming back up the court to win. And when it seemed that anything after that must be anti-climatic, along came the gallant challenger of a fighting St. John's of Brooklyn team to the unbeaten record of NYU, the country's best, and the magnificent response of the Violets, refusing to be panicked and upset, coming back with a hitherto untried weapon in its arsenal to nose out the Redmen in the last seconds. The game details are dealt with by Mr. Kurman, elsewhere. That's not the point we started out to make, though the temptation to forget the damn point and start shouting about Bobby Lewis and Ben Auerbach is strong.

We said something about National Pastime, and if you disagree let's see you improve it.

You dig up the statistics to show me how many Americans play baseball and I'll show you the statistics that prove that many more kids play basketball. If you want to get mercenary about the thing and bring up the question of how many spectators watch baseball, I can show you where more Americans watch basketball. Baseball's sandlots? Basketball's "sandlots" are the myriad of crowded little gyms, school and church basements, Y's, settlement houses and orphan asylums. Not nearly enough of course. But then are there enough baseball fields to take care of the hundreds of thousands of kids who can't even find a street on which to dodge automobiles, or work out a diamond on a rutted farm patch without too many ankle breaking trips?

Equipment is cheaper too. Sneakers, shorts and shirts. Fancy underwear in a pinch. Did you ever catch the little 85-pound kids from the boys clubs, settlement houses and various institutions in the between Garden game set? They put up a great brand of ball, better correspondingly than any similar baseball kids' team could show.

But I don't really want to get silly about the thing. I wouldn't really rank basketball over baseball in the affections of the majority. But it is a point of satisfaction to see the coming of age of this great game that started in 1903 when an obscure YMCA instructor in Springfield, Mass., stuck up a couple of peach baskets, gave the boys a soccer ball and turned them loose. The sports cartoonists, commentators and columnists in this town are just waking up the seething interest in the game. We featured it three years ago when it got the bottom of the page everywhere else.

And if anyone DOES want an argument, just for the sake of the argument, we CAN go about statistically proving it more popular than baseball.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday are 35c per line (10 words to a line—3 lines minimum). **DEADLINE:** Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, 3 P.M. Friday.

Tonight

CLARENCE HATHAWAY on "Current Events." Clarifying and timely. Friday, Feb. 23rd, 8:30 P.M. Franklin, Casino, 801 E. 16th St. Bronx. **Assoc. Followers of the Trail Lodge 603, IWO, Adm. 15c.** **SEYMOUR GARLIN** speaks on "Propaganda Techniques, 1914-1940." Progressive Forum, 430 Sixth Ave., 8:15 P.M. **POETRY GROUP** open meeting, 8 P.M. Studio 54, 270 W. 42nd St. (near 42nd Ave. & 14th St.) Discussion, criticism of poems. Rubs, 25c.

OAKLEY JOHNSON continues his analysis of "News of Week." All questions on International and domestic situation answered. Rubs, 15c. Peoples Forum, 43 E. 13th St., 8:30 P.M.

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GIANTS DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1940

NYU MORE MAGNIFICENT THAN EVER

Lou 9-5 Over Al Tonight

And Stan Says OK to
Odds While Les Likes
Bummy by KO

The saga of Brownsville Bummy hits a climax tonight when Al Davis, just a prelim fighter a year ago meets the very tough and very experienced Lou Ambers in a ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden.

Lou's lightweight title is not at stake because Al, a welterweight, will weigh in at about 145 pounds, ten over the limit. But the fight is still rated Al's big chance. A smashing victory for the Brownsville tough guy would mean an outdoor title shot at Henry Armstrong's welter crown.

And a lot of the folks who are expected to pack the Garden tonight figure unbeaten Davis to cop. His record of 22 kayos in 37 fights is formidable and so is that vaunted left hook. That's Bummy's only punch but its meant curtains for such sturdy campaigners as once-great Tommy Cannonieri and clever young Tippy Larkin.

But the odds are 9-5 on Ambers and with good reason. Lou is a busy fighter with slicing punches that make him a good bet to cut up Al and win by a technical kayo. Bummy's always had toughest going against infighters and Lou's the best of a lot.

Experience also gives Lou a big edge. He's fought most of the best lightweight and welterweights around in a career stretching over nearly 100 fights. On the other hand, most of Bummy's victims have unhappy set-ups. He's never fought a leading welter and had a big weight edge on most of the name boys he's fought.

AMBERS BY DECISION

Personally, it's Ambers by decision. In the other corner is sports editor Lester Rodney, who picks Davis by kayo. That's the general trend of the controversy on this scrap. It's possible that Lou will come through by T.K.O. but not very likely as Bummy is a strong kid who can take it all night. And it's just as possible that Bummy will batter Lou badly to win a decision. But not too likely because if Bummy lands squarely with that one punch it'll probably be over quick.

But he won't land 'em squarely. This talk that Lou is washed up is blarney. Ditto for the dismal words from the Ambers training camp that Lou looked sluggish and way off old form. Don't believe it. Ambers may be beaten tonight by a kid who is rated one of the hardest punchers pound-for-pound in the ring today. But there's no chance of a cheap victory either way.

GOOD PRELIM CARD

Good prelims headed by clever Mike Kaplan, Boston-Brownsville welter, who faces Freddie (Red) Cochrane, touted Jersey newcomer, in the semi-final eight. A win for Mike would boost him right up there with the top-flight welterweights. Steve (Glinks) Belliose, hard-punching kid brother of ex-feather champion Mike, faces Eddie Dunne in a second eight. Kaplan and Belliose figure to win in tough fights.

Three fours bring together Lulu Constantino with Harold Schwartz, Frankie Gilmore with Frankie Runyan and Solly Gerstler, stablemate of Davis, with Pete Masica.

Reasonably priced tickets range from \$1.50 down to \$2.30 for reserved seats. General admission seats go on sale this afternoon at \$1.15.

—STAN KURMAN.

THEY'RE BOTH THE McCOY



That his Connie Mack, grand old veteran about to start his fifty-seventh year in the game, and certainly his young Benny, prize capture of the year. Manager Connie is shown greeting his \$40,000 second-baseman at the A's training camp.

Borican and Woodruff In AAU Meet Preview

Negro Distance Aces Show Best Form in Harlem Races—Set for Tomorrow's Title Meet

By Al Stillman

The 369th, Regiment track meet at their armory in Harlem was just a preview to the important A.A.U. meet on the Garden boards tomorrow. But if John Borican and Johnny Woodruff show the same form as they did in the armory in winning the 600 and 1,000-yard races respectively, they won't have any trouble in cracking Martin's Garden record for which both Negro stars are shooting.

Borican waited, as usual, till the final lap before making his play, when he put on a great burst of speed to nose out NYU's young Jimmy Herbert. The winner was clocked in 1:12 less than a second behind Herbert's world record, remarkable time on the flat eight lap track.

Wallace, who set the pace for the first few laps, finished third, two yards behind Herbert and fading fast as the trio thundered towards the tape.

Long John Woodruff had the track to himself as he breezed home forty yards ahead of his nearest rival, Sanford Goldberg in the special 1,000.

Woodruff took the lead right from the start and never once from the course did he relinquish it. He didn't seem to mind the lack of competition, just stretched his long legs and kept going. This was one of the Pittsburgh boy's many superlative nights. He ran the distance in 2:11.3, a performance as remarkable as Borican's just preceding.

BORICAN FAVORED

The AAU 1,000-yard indoor championship card, slated for Madison Square Garden Saturday, reads like the who's who of the middle-distance men. Unlike the equally big-named mile event, which looks like an invitation race since its roster includes only the top five milers, the 1,000 offers a wide open field of 22 men, which will probably thin out after the elimination heats, to include the reigning champion, John Borican, and six top flight challengers.

Holding challengers' spot No. 1 is long John Woodruff, which insures a continuation of the spectacular battle of the Johns, Sanford Goldberg, the flying fireman who showed his heels to Fenske with the aid of a five-yard handicap in Newark recently, Ed Burrows, Princeton sophomore who finished only behind Borican and Goldberg last year, Jim McQuivalry, Shore A.C. speedster, along with Curtis Giddings and Frank Slater to complete the picture.

This is one of the most im-

Lewis and Auerbach Show Their All-American Mettle In Staving Off Inspired St. John's

TRADE BAN ON YANKS A BOOMERANG

Champs Can Afford to
Stay Pat, But
Others Can't

A baseball boomerang acts as do other boomerangs. Ask any of the seven American League clubs that voted to ban the N. Y. Yankees from any trade until they drop out of first place.

The case in point being that of young Tommy Henrich.

Last year Charley Keller was tried out in the field by Joe McCarthy, the champs' manager, and has been in there since. Which, of course, displaced Tommy from a regular's berth with the squad. With Jolting Joe DiMaggio and George (winkletoes) Selkirk already well established in the field and with the addition of Keller, who looks like he'll be in there for many years to come, the Yankees boast about the finest outfield in either league, both defensively and offensively. So that Massillon Tommy, for whom the Yanks paid \$17,500 to sign, is without portfolio.

It's a well-known fact that Henrich is capable of playing the field for any other major league club with the exception, of course, of the Yankees, they being the only ones who can afford to bench a .300 hitter, a smart fielder and general all around work-horse.

Here is where the boomerang enters into the picture. It is equally well known that the Yanks need a first-baseman. Babe Dahlgren may be the best defensive initial sacker in the junior loop, but he can't hit.

Down in the cellar of the American League reposes a ball club that can well use young Tommy, the St. Louis Browns. Not only that, but they have the inducement which might prompt McCarthy to part with his spare, one George McQuinn. As a first-sacker George is second to few, and as a hitter—well, if the Yanks had him last year they would have won by at least 30 games.

But the point of the whole thing is this. That whatever excess baggage the Yanks carry you can be sure it's in good condition, and another American League club could use it to good advantage. Whereas with the ban they can have no dealings with the champs, who in turn don't need them anyway to cop another flag. Which will happen again this season.

But the junior loop goes merrily along making a feeble effort to curtail the activities of the league leaders instead of making the obvious and simple move of building themselves up to the Yanks' strength via the many great Negro ball players.—A. S.

8 No-Hitters in Majors

Eight no-hit pitchers are still active in the majors—Monte Pearson, Yankees; Ted Lyons and Bill Dietrich, White Sox; Johnny Vandermeer, Reds; Vernon Kennedy, Browns; Carl Hubbell and Paul Dean, Giants and Buck Newsom, Tigers.

Record Crowd Limp at Last Minute Win That Follows LIU's Unbelievable Surge to Victory Over De Paul in Opener

By Stan Kurman

Thrilling basketball at its best with four splendid teams fighting their hearts out. That's the story of the most exciting court twin bill ever at Madison Sq. Garden Wednesday night.

The record crowd of 18,318 fans was still panting from the excitement of watching LIU rally brilliantly in the last three minutes, wipe out an eight-point deficit and go on to beat smooth DePaul, 44-43, when unbeaten NYU and inspired St. John's took the floor and staged an even more thrilling court drama.

The great Violet machine also had to come from behind to beat the Redmen, who played their best game of the year.

It's fitting that Ben Auerbach, standout player in a night of standouts, sunk the winning shot, a long set that whipped through the hoop to make it 40-38 and leave the fans limp after relaxing the tension which had gripped them all night.

LEWIS ALSO STARS

Benny did everything. He guarded Dutch Garfinkle, heady play-maker of the Redmen neatly, set them up and sunk 'em when they counted. Bobby Lewis was another great. The Violet captain went off on his first scoring rampage of the season, dropping thirteen points to Auerbach's twelve.

It was the final proof that those two make the difference between a good team and an exceptional one. The chips were down and Red Stevens, Ralph Kaplowitz and St. John's, all very good players, faltered in the hottest game of the year.

Early in the week Coach Ed Keller of Fordham, whose team had been swept under by the Violet juggernaut, said that the way to beat NYU was to beat 'em off the backboard and stop 'em from driving in.

St. John's proved that was the way to make it close. Sophs Jim White and Ken Barnett were terrific underneath and all of the Redmen played outstanding defensive ball.

NYU'S ACID TEST

NYU got its acid test and passed. Stop the Violet underneath and they'll beat you from outside. Auerbach and Lewis pitched 'em from way out and that was what made it. Only one shot of Benny's was from close up and that was on a brilliant play when he feinted a closely-guarding Indian all-most out of the Garden then twisted up to the backboard for a lay-up.

White was the Indian hero. High-scoring for the night with 15 points, the soph was a wizard on long sets. Besides that he turned in a magnificent floor game. All of the rest of the Redmen, Garfinkle spark-plugging little Tommy Baer Johnny Gellen, Barnett, were exceptional. Only co-captain Frank Hagerty disappointed.

Watch St. John's next year. Even considering the inspiration angle, the Redmen were classy and just a bit short of the stuff to beat the nation's best team.

The Redmen led at the half and kept the pace throughout the second stanza, but the drive looked finished when NYU tied it up 28-28 late in the half. But St. John's rallied brilliantly to take another six-point lead before Auerbach and Lewis set off the final rally.

Box Scores

LIU (44)	DE PAUL (43)
G. F. P.	G. F. P.
Auerbach, 13	Norris, 15
Simon, 10	Garfinkle, 20
Schwartz, 10	Posner, 10
Beenders, 8	Bustals, 10
King, 6	Sachs, 10
Lobelin, 6	Sredski, 10
Davidson, 6	White, 10
Total, 44	Total, 43

NYU (40)	ST. JOHN'S (38)
G. F. P.	G. F. P.
Lewis, 15	Green, 15
Stevens, 10	Garfinkle, 10
Laser, 10	Posner, 10
Dubinsky, 10	McKort, 10
Kaplowitz, 10	Hagerty, 10
Auerbach, 10	White, 10
Davidson, 10	White, 10
Total, 40	Total, 38

that gave NYU sixteen straight with fairly smooth sailing ahead.

NOT DISAPPOINTED

There's no disappointment out at St. John's today. Joe Lapchick was pleased with the fine showing of his boys against the great Violet powerhouse.

In the dressing room afterwards, Garfinkle was feeling pretty glum about it all and said:

"We had a six-point lead with six minutes to go—and still they beat us."

"That's the mark of a great team," Dutch said Barnett quietly.

IMPOSSIBLE!

The first game had an impossible wind-up. Slick, carefully-moving DePaul was way out in front with only three minutes to go. The team looked like a sure bet for the National Tourney and just had to breeze in.

Then the impossible happened. With Captain Ossie Schechtman, who played his best game of the season, sparking a superb Dick McNeill rally, the Beemen swarmed all over the visitors and never gave them a chance offensively or defensively.

A bad play started DePaul's morale-shattering and before the invaders could get together LIU had tied it up and St. John's, another fine player all night, had sunk the last-minute winning shot.

Dolly King and Sol Schwartz also stood out for the Beemen, while Stan Szukla was best for very good DePaul. It was a heart-breaker for the visitors, to lose, but LIU had the stuff in that amazing late drive and that was just the beginning of a thrill-packed night.

Return Game Monday

The Long Island University basketball team may play a return game with the DePaul quintet at Chicago on Monday, Feb. 26, instead of Loyola, it was announced by Clair Beas.

Ten members of the squad have been chosen to make the trip. Included are Captain Ossie Schechtman, St. John's, Dolly King, Joe Shelly, Sol Schwartz, Hank Beenders, Max Sharf, Irving Zeitlin, Alec Waltherston and Lou Simon.

The Long Islanders will leave for Chicago by train directly after their game with Canisius Saturday night at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy.

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